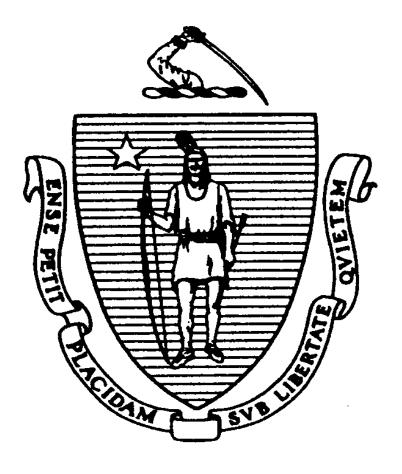
# Recidivism of 1998 Released Department of Correction Inmates



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#### **Abstract**

This report presents recidivism rates of 2,820 offenders released from Department of Correction facilities during 1998.

#### Section 1 † Re-incarcerated Recidivists

This information represents recidivism rates of inmates re-incarcerated within three years of their release to the street from the Department of Correction during 1998.

- Of the 2,820 inmates released to the street from the DOC in 1998, **562** were re-incarcerated within the first year post-release, **355** in their second year post-release, and **214** in their third year post-release, for a total of **1,131** recidivists over the three year period.
- Overall, the recidivism rates for re-incarcerated inmates were 20% for one year post-release, 13% for two year post-release, and 8% for three year post-release, with a total recidivism rate for all three years of 40%.
- Of the 1,131 inmates who returned to custody, 66% of the males and 74% of the females recidivated within 18 months of their release to the street. Thus, by 18 months the recidivism rate for re-incarcerated inmates was 27%.
- Altogether 879 of the 2,086 male inmates (42%) and 252 of the 734 female inmates (34%) were re-incarcerated within <a href="three">three</a> years of their release.
- Sixty-three percent of the inmates who were re-incarcerated within the three-year follow-up period were returned due to a new commitment, while 37% were returned for a violation of parole or probation.
- The recidivism rate for inmates being re-incarcerated within one year of their release to the street during ‡1993 was 22%, compared to a rate of 20% for the 1998 release population.
- Inmates who were released on parole recidivated at a rate of 30% compared to those whose sentence expired (15%) the **first year post-release**. During the second year post-release inmates released on parole had a recidivism rate slightly lower than those inmates released via Expiration of Sentence/GCD to the street, 12% and 13% respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Re-incarcerated inmates are those inmates who were returned to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> The 1993 recidivism rate did not include inmates released during that year who had served less than 30 days prior to their release to the street.

- For the males, the overall recidivism rate for the three-year post-release period for parolees was 52% compared to a recidivism rate of 37% for those released via expiration of sentence. For females the overall recidivism rate was slightly lower for those released via expiration of sentence (34%) compared to 35% for those released on parole.
- Among inmates paroled from the DOC in 1998 who had returned within one year of their release date, those who had a prior parole/probation violation on their present offense were more likely to return on a violation of parole or probation. First releases had a recidivism rate of 26%, while the first year recidivism rate for parole/probation violators was 43%.
- Inmates less than 30 years of age at time of release had a higher recidivism rate (45%) than inmates aged 30 years and older (36%).
- The recidivism rate three years post release is 35% when excluding technical violations of parole and probation compared to a rate of 40% when including the technical violators.

#### Section 2: Re-conviction Recidivists.

This information represents §recidivism rates for inmates "<u>re-convicted</u> within three years of their release to the street from the Department of Correction during 1998.

- → Of the 2,820 inmates released to the street during 1998, 1,318 inmates
  (47%) had a new <u>conviction</u> within three years of their release to the
  street.
- During the **first year** post-release 24% of the 734 released female inmates were re-convicted, compared to 19% of the 2,086 males.
- The recidivism rate (<u>re-conviction</u>) was the same for the male and female inmates released during 1998 (47%).
- By the end of the **first year** post-release, paroled inmates had a much lower rate of recidivism (11%), compared to the rate for inmates who's sentence had expired or were discharged (23%).
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period inmates released via parole had a lower recidivism rate (40%), than inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (51%).
- Forty three percent (n=561) of the 1,318 inmates who received a new conviction did so within the first year of their release to the street.

<sup>§</sup> Recidivism rate in this section refers to the rate at which inmates released to the street during 1998 were re-convicted.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Re-convicted inmates are those inmates who received a new conviction (incarceration, fine, probation, suspended sentence, guilty/guilty filed) within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, releases from a maximum- security facility (n=132) had the highest recidivism rate of all the security level designations, with 61% of those inmates receiving a re-conviction.
- During the first year post release, releases from a secure facility had a higher rate of recidivating (23%), than releases from a lower security facility (15%).
- Property offenders had the highest recidivism rate of all the offense categories, with 60% of the inmates with a governing property offense being re-convicted within **three years** of their release to the street.

#### <u>Section 3:Re-incarceration and Re-conviction Recidivists.</u>

This information represents <sup>††</sup>recidivism rates for inmates <sup>‡‡</sup>re-incarcerated or <sup>§§</sup>re-convicted within three years of their release to the street from the Department of Correction during 1998.

- The recidivism rate for inmates re-incarcerated or re-convicted within three years of their release to the street is 53% (n=1,490).
- Fifty-eight percent of the recidivists (n=859) were re-incarcerated, while 42% (n=631) received a new conviction not resulting in a recommitment.
- Of the 1,490 recidivists, 1,310 inmates committed a new offense. The remaining 180 recidivists were returned for a technical violation of parole or probation.
- The recidivism rate was slightly higher for paroled inmates three years post-release than it was for inmates released via GCD/expiration of sentence, 54% and 52% respectively.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Re-incarcerated inmates are those inmates who were returned to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

<sup>§§</sup> Re-convicted inmates are those inmates who received a new conviction (incarceration, fine, probation, suspended sentence, guilty/guilty filed) within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

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This report presents a statistical description and the recidivism rates of offenders released to the street via expiration of sentence, good conduct discharge, or parole from Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) facilities during 1998.

Recidivism rates presented in Section One only reflect those calculated for inmates who were <u>reincarcerated</u> within three years post-release. When collecting information on re-incarceration the inmates movements are tracked during the three-year period using the Department of Correction VAX computer system, Department of Correction Inmate Management System (IMS), CARI file, DOC Inmate Six Part Folder, and through contacting various houses of correction. An inmate can be reincarcerated in one of the following ways: technical violation of parole, violation of parole with a new offense, new commitment to county custody, new commitment to state or federal custody, technical violation of probation, or probation violation with a new offense.

Statistics presented in Section Two include data regarding recidivism rates for inmates who were <u>reconvicted</u> three years post-release. Information on re-conviction is collected from the inmate's CARI file. If an inmate receives one of the following convictions within three years of their release to the street they are considered a recidivist: incarceration, suspended sentence, fine, probation, guilty/guilty filed. To get a complete recidivism rate for both <u>re-conviction</u> and <u>re-incarceration</u>, the two definitions are combined in the third section.

The third section presents statistics on inmates who were re-incarcerated or re-convicted three years post-release. Although an inmate could have both a re-conviction and a re-incarceration within the three-year period, the first instance of either occurring is coded. Because it is the first instance of either a re-conviction or re-incarceration that occurred for each inmate, the total in section three will not equal the combined total of the previous two sections. It is important to keep in mind that the first instance of a re-conviction or re-incarceration is coded not the most serious. In other words, if an inmate's first instance of a re-conviction or re-incarceration is a re-conviction of a fine and the second occurrence is a two-year re-commitment, the first instance of a fine is coded. If a re-conviction and a re-incarceration occur at the same time, the re-incarceration information is coded.

This report reflects the fourth Recidivism Report produced by the Department of Correction where recidivism data has been expanded to a three-year follow-up period. There are two major reasons for this change. First, we wanted to improve our ability to compare our findings with those collected nationally and from other states, many of whom report recidivism rates in a three-year outlook. Second, by increasing the comprehensiveness of the data collected we are able to analyze the rate of recidivism on a larger scope. This is particularly important, since many offenders may get arrested within the first year or two of being released, but not necessarily convicted and incarcerated until over a year after being released. Information contained in this report includes recidivism rates with regard to release variables, nature of present offense, personal background, and release follow-up variables. Each table contains information describing characteristics of offenders released during 1998 and the recidivism rates for each of the categories of statistical data for these offenders.

There are three definitions of a recidivist used in this report. First; A recidivist is defined as any release to the street from a Department of Correction facility who is <u>re-incarcerated</u> in a Massachusetts state correctional institution, to a Massachusetts house of correction/jail, or to a federal facility within three years of their date of release to the street. Second; A recidivist is defined as any release to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility who is <u>re-convicted</u> within three years of their release to the street. Third, a recidivist is any release to the street from a Massachusetts Department of

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Correction facility who is <u>re-convicted or is re-incarcerated</u> to a Massachusetts state correctional institution, to a Massachusetts house of correction/jail, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street. For example, if an inmate was released from a state facility on 5-1-95, in order to be considered a recidivist they would have to be recommitted or re-convicted by 5-1-98. This includes parole/probation violators as well as those offenders sentenced for new crimes.

## **Definition Change**

#### **Recidivism Reports Prior to 1995**

Definition: A recidivist is any inmate released from the Department of Correction in a given year, who served at least 30 days, who was reincarcerated for at least 30 days to a Massachusetts state or county facility within a year of their release to the street. The inmate's most serious offense within the first year is coded.

#### 1995 Recidivism Report

Definition: A recidivist is any inmate released from the Department of Correction in a given year, who served at least 30 days, who was reincarcerated for at least 30 days at a Massachusetts state or county facility within 3 years of their release to the street. The inmate's first instance of re-incarceration is coded.

#### 1996 Recidivism Report

Definition: A recidivist is any inmate released from the Department of Correction in a given year, who served at least 30 days at a Massachusetts state or county facility who was re-incarcerated at a Massachusetts state or county facility within 3 years of their release to the street. The inmate's first instance of re-incarceration is coded.

# Post 1996 Recidivism Reports

Definition: First, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street from the Department of Correction in a given year, who was re-incarcerated in a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street. Second, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street from the Department of Correction in a given year, who is re-convicted within three years of their release to the street. Third, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street form the Massachusetts Department of Correction in a given year, who is re-incarcerated in a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility, or reconvicted within three years of their release to the street. The inmate's first instance of re-incarceration or re-conviction within the three-year period is coded.

#### OVERVIEW OF 1998 RELEASE POPULATION

During 1998, there were 2,820 releases from DOC facilities that are included in this report. This included 2,086 males and 734 females. Any release of an offender where the release was not to the community (i.e., released to a new sentence at a state, Federal or county facility, or released to and held on a warrant) was excluded from the sample

The following is a summary of the 1998 release population, which was utilized to calculate the recidivism rates contained in this report.

- A total of 2,820\*\* inmates were released from the DOC in 1998 and are included in this report. Of those inmates 2,086 (74%) were males and 734 (26%) were females.
- Thirty three percent of the 2,820 releases were paroled to the street (n=933), while 1,827 inmates (65%) were released via GCD/expiration of sentence.
- The breakdown of security level of releasing institution is as follows; 132 (5%) were released from a maximum security facility, 1,639 (58%) from a medium security, 538 (19%) from a minimum security, 300 (11%) from a minimum pre-release, 112 (4%) from a state pre-release, and 100 (4%) from a contract pre-release.
- Of the 2,820 inmates released, 993 (35%) served time for a person offense, 665 (24%) for a drug offense, 528 (19%) for a property offense, 411 (15%) for 'other' types of offenses, and 223 (8%) for a sex offense.
- Inmates released from the DOC in 1998 ranged in age from 17 to 72 years of age, with an average age of 33.75 years.
- Fifty five percent (n=1,541) of the 1998 release population were Caucasian. Seven hundred and twenty-one of the inmates released (26%) were African American, Nineteen percent (n=546) were ††† Hispanic, 6 were Asian, and 6 were other.
- Of the 2,820 inmates released, 71% had a marital status of single, 13% were married, 10% were divorced, 5% were separated, and 1% were widowed. One percent of the releases reported no information about their marital status.
- Forty-one percent of the released inmates (n=1,143) were incarcerated for less than one year. Of the 1,143 inmates, 53% (n=604) were female releases, and the remaining 47% (n=539) were male releases.

<sup>\*</sup> Please note, due to rounding, percentages in tables within this report may not add up to 100%.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Note: In 1998, a total of 2,829 inmates were released to the street from DOC custody, 9 did not meet the definition for the study and were dropped from the analysis for Recidivism. Of the 9 inmates that were dropped from the study, 5 were a release file error, 4 were not released to the community.

<sup>†††</sup> In 2000, the Department of Correction implemented expanded race definitions. However, since this report examines the recidivism of inmates released in 1998, the 2000 race/ethnic definitions are not used in this report.

Section One:
Recidivism Rates
Re-incarceration
Three Years
Post-Release

#### Type of Return

Table 1: Type of Return, Male Recidivist, Three Year Follow-up Period

,	1st year		<u>2n</u>	2nd year		3rd year		tal
Type of Return	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%
Parole Violation-Technical	104	25%	24	8%	11	7%	139	16%
Parole Violation New Arrest	112	27%	40	14%	14	8%	166	19%
Commitment-HOC	141	33%	164	57%	108	64%	413	47%
Commitment-DOC	53	13%	49	17%	26	15%	128	15%
Probation Violation-Technical	0	0%	4	1%	2	1%	6	1%
Probation Violation new Arrest	12	3%	7	2%	8	5%	27	3%
TOTAL	422	100%	288	100%	169	100%	879	100%

Table 1 presents the distribution of types of returns for male recidivists who returned within the **three-year** follow-up period.

- Of the 879 males who recidivated within the three year period, 62% received a new court commitment, 35% were returned for a violation of parole, and 4% were committed for a violation of probation.
- Fifty-one percent of the 422 recidivists returning in the **first year** returned as a parole violator.
- The percentage of male inmates returning as violation of parole during the second and third year of the follow-up period were 22% and 15% respectively.

Table 2: Type of Return, Female Recidivist, Three Year Follow-up Period

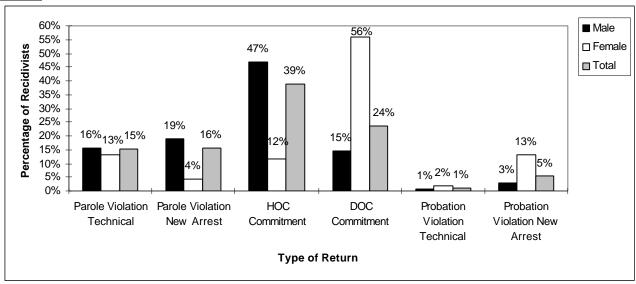
	<u>1:</u>	1st year		2nd year		3rd year		<u>otal</u>
Type of Return	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Parole Violation-Technical	29	21%	2	3%	2	4%	33	13%
Parole Violation New Arrest	10	7%	1	1%	0	0%	11	4%
Commitment-HOC	10	7%	8	12%	11	24%	29	12%
Commitment-DOC*	68	49%	44	66%	29	64%	141	56%
Probation Violation-Technical	3	2%	1	1%	1	2%	5	2%
Probation Violation new Arrest	20	14%	11	16%	2	4%	33	13%
TOTAL	140	100%	67	100%	45	100%	252	100%

- For females who returned within the **three-year** follow-up period, the largest percentage of the recidivists (56%) returned as a \*DOC commitment.
- A total of 67% of the recidivists who returned within the 3 year follow-up period were a new court commitment.
- During the first year of the follow-up period a significant percentage of female inmates were returned for a violation of parole (28%). This declined in both the second and third years of the follow-up period, where the recidivism rate for inmates returning on a parole violation was only 4% in each of the remaining years of the follow-up period.
- The majority of the females (85%) were returned due to a new arrest (parole violation w/new arrest, probation violation w/new arrest, DOC commitment, or HOC commitment).

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<sup>\*</sup> It is important to note, due to the fact that there is currently not a county facility for women, a large number of women are committed to the DOC to serve a county sentence.

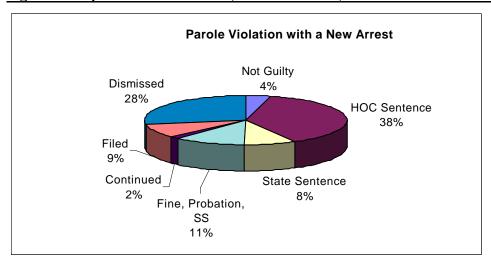
<u>Figure 1: Type of Return for recidivist returning within the three Year Follow-up Period, by gender</u>



#### **Disposition of New Arrest**

When an inmate is returned to custody for a violation of parole or probation with a new arrest, the disposition of that arrest is used to provide data about the outcome of the case, (i.e. they were found guilty, not guilty, and if guilty what was the sentence.)

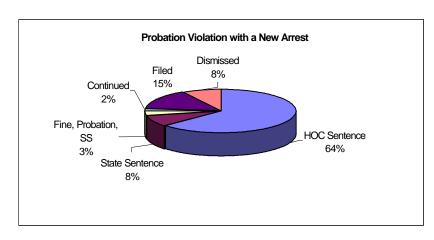
Figure 2: Disposition of New Arrest, Parole Violation, Three Years Post-Release



- Of the 1,131 inmates who recidivated within **three years** post-release, 237 returned for a parole or probation violation with a new arrest. Of those, 147 (62%) were convicted of their new offense, with 20 inmates receiving a state sentence, 105 inmates were given a HOC sentence, and 22 inmates received a fine, suspended sentence, or probation.
- Of parole violators with a new arrest, 38% received a house of correction sentence, 28% were dismissed, 11% received a fine, probation, or a suspended sentence, 9% were filed, 8% received a state sentence, and 2% of the cases were continued.

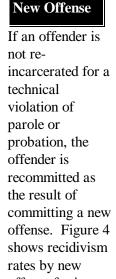
• Of the 177 inmates who were returned for a violation of parole with a new arrest, 102 (58%) of them were convicted of their new offense (new sentence, fine, suspended sentence, or probation.)

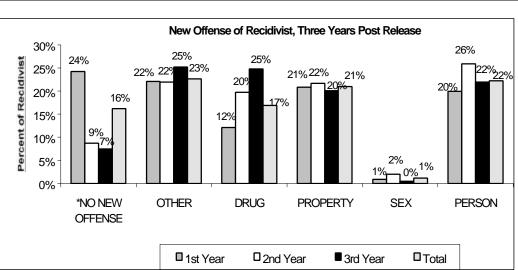
Figure 3: Disposition of New Arrest, Probation Violation, Three Years Post-Release



- · At the end of the three-year follow-up period 60 inmates had returned for a probation violation with a new arrest. Of those inmates, 45 (75%) were convicted of their offense (received a new sentence, fine, suspended sentence, or probation.)
- A total of 72% of the inmates who were returned for a violation of probation with a new arrest were recommitted for their offense.

Figure 4: New Offense of Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release, Re-incarceration





offense for inmates returning within the three-year follow-up period.

• Of the 1,131 recidivists who returned within **three years** post-release, 183 were returned for a technical violation of parole or probation and did not have a new offense. The remaining 948 recidivists (84%) had a return type that involved a new offense: parole violation with a new arrest, probation violation with a new arrest, county commitment to a house of correction, or a state commitment to the DOC.

<sup>\*</sup>Inmates returned with no new offense were returned for a technical violation of parole or probation.

- During the **first-year** post-release 562 inmates were recidivists. The largest number of inmates returning in the first year were for a technical violation of parole or probation (24%), these inmates did not have a new offense. For the remaining 426 inmates who had a new offense, the 'other' offense category had the highest number of returns with 124 (22%) of the first year recidivists returning for an offense in this category, followed by property offenses (21%), person offense (20%), drug offenses (12%), and sex offenses (1%).
- During the second year post-releases 355 inmates were re-incarcerated. Twenty-six percent were returned for a person offense, 22% for a property offense, 22% for an 'other' offense, 20% for a drug offense, 2% for a sex offense, and 9% of the inmates returned for a technical violation and did not have a new offense.
- During the **third year** post-release a total of 214 inmates were recidivists. Twenty-five percent of the recidivists were returned for an offense in the drug offense category, and another 25% were returned for an 'other' offense.

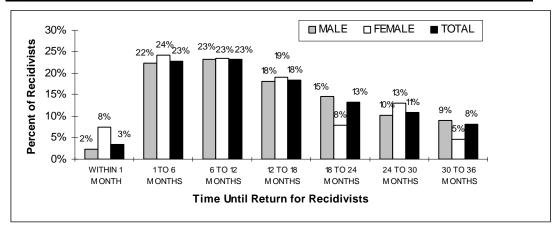
#### Time Until Return (Re-incarceration) by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

Table 3 shows the length of time an offender was in the community before being re-incarcerated, by gender.

• Of the 1,131 inmates who recidivated during the three- year follow-up period, 560 inmates (50%) returned to custody within one year of their release date.

	Male		Female		Total	
Time Until Return	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Within 1 Month	20	2%	19	8%	39	3%
1 Month - 6 Months	196	22%	61	24%	257	23%
6 Months - 12 Months	205	23%	59	23%	264	23%
12 Months - 18 Months	160	18%	48	19%	208	18%
18 Months - 24 Months	129	15%	20	8%	149	13%
24 Months - 30 months	90	10%	33	13%	123	11%
30 Months - 36 Months	79	9%	12	5%	91	8%
Total	879	100%	252	100%	1131	100%

Figure 5: Time Until Return, by Gender, Three Years Post-Release, Re-incarceration



• Forty-eight percent (n=421) of the 879 **males** that recidivated, did so within the first year of their release to the street. Another 289 male inmates (33%) recidivated between 12 and 24 months of their release, and 169 male inmates (19%) returned within the 24 to 36 month period.

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- For **female** offenders, 139 (55%) returned within one year of their release date, followed by 68 inmates (27%) returning between 12 and 24 months, and 45 inmates (18%) returning within 24 to 36 months of their release date.
- By 18 months post-release, 66% of the 879 males who recidivated had been recommitted.
- Seventy-four percent of the **females** who were recidivists returned within 18 months of their release date.

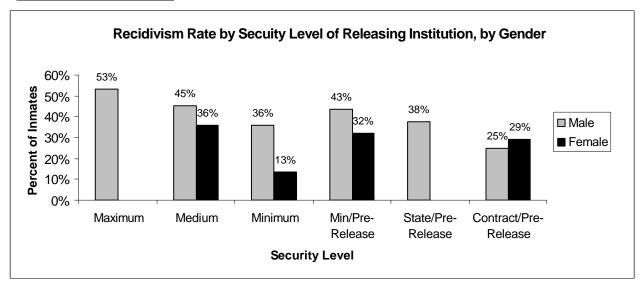
#### **Institution Released From**

Table 4: Recidivism Rate (re-incarceration) by Security Level, by Gender, Three-Years

Post Release

Post Release									
		1st Y	'ear	2nd Y	Year	3rd Year		Total	
Female									
	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Medium	616	123	20%	59	10%	38	6%	220	36%
Minimum	23	1	4%	1	4%	1	4%	3	13%
Minimum/Pre-Release	60	9	15%	5	8%	5	8%	19	32%
Contract/Pre-Release	35	7	20%	2	6%	1	3%	10	29%
Total	734	140	19%	<b>67</b>	9%	45	6%	252	34%
		1st Year		2nd Y	Year	3rd Y	ear	Tot	tal
Male									
	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Maximum	132	33	25%	24	18%	13	10%	70	53%
Medium	1022	218	21%	153	15%	91	9%	462	45%
Minimum	515	80	16%	62	12%	43	8%	185	36%
Minimum/Pre-Release	240	60	25%	30	13%	14	6%	104	43%
State/Pre-Release	112	20	18%	16	14%	6	5%	42	38%
Contract/Pre-Release	65	11	17%	3	5%	2	3%	16	25%
Total	2086	422	20%	288	14%	169	8%	879	42%

Figure 6: Recidivism Rate (re-incarceration), by Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post Release



- Of the female recidivists returning three years post-release, releases from medium security (n=616) had the highest percentage of recidivists, with 220 inmates (36%) returning. Female inmates released from minimum security (n=23) had the lowest rate of recidivating (13%).
- Of the 2,086 male inmates released during 1998, releases from a maximum-security facility (n=132) had the highest recidivism rate, with 70 inmates (53%) being re-incarcerated within three years of their release to the street.

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Table 5: Recidivism Rates for Re-incarcerated Inmates by Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post-Release

Institution, Three Years Post-Release									
Security Level <sup>‡‡‡</sup>	Non-Recidivists	Recidivists	Total	Rec Rate					
Maximum									
Cedar Junction	54	58	112	52%					
Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center §§§	8	12	20	60%					
sub-total	62	70	132	53%					
Medium									
Bay State	5	0	5	0%					
Bridgewater S.H.	1	2	3	67%					
Concord	104	93	197	47%					
Framingham****	396	220	616	36%					
Mass Boot Camp	34	41	75	55%					
Mass Treatment Center	31	12	43	28%					
NCCI-Gardner	70	67	137	49%					
Norfolk	63	56	119	47%					
Old Colony Correctional Center	38	43	81	53%					
Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit	2	0	2	0%					
Shirley Medium	96	73	169	43%					
Southeastern Correctional Center	116	75	191	39%					
Sub-total	956	682	1638	42%					
Minimum									
MA Boot Camp	22	18	40	45%					
Plymouth	37	43	80	54%					
Northeastern Correctional Center	52	33	85	39%					
Longwood Treatment Center	126	27	153	18%					
Pondville Correctional Center	42	25	67	37%					
Shirley Minimum	71	42	113	37%					
Sub-Total	350	188	538	35%					
Minimum Pre-Rel									
Lancaster	78	51	129	40%					
South Middlesex Correctional Center	99	72	171	42%					
Sub-total	177	123	300	41%					
State Pre-release									
Boston State Pre-Release Center	43	28	71	39%					
Park Drive Pre-Release Center	27	14	41	34%					
Subtotal	70	42	112	38%					
Contract Pre-Release									
Charlotte House	16	8	24	33%					
Houston House	6	2	8	25%					
PPREP	52	16	68	24%					
Subtotal	74	26	100	26%					
Grand total	1689	1131	2820	40%					

Security level designations represent security levels form the DOC count sheet of 12/31/98.

SBCC opened in 1998 and was not fully operational until November 1998.

Releases from Hodder House are included in the Framingham count.

#### Type of Release

Table 6 presents the recidivism rates by type of release and security level of releasing institution for each of the three years in the study, as well as, the total recidivism rates for the three-year follow-up period. In this table, comparisons are made between inmates released on parole and inmates who are released via expiration of sentence/discharge. Inmates on parole are released into the community under the supervision of a parole officer. Individuals released by expiration of sentence/certificate of discharge are not under supervision, unless they are required to serve a term of probation. Whether or not it is the inmate's first release is also examined.

- During the <u>first year</u> post-release, parolees who had a prior parole or probation violation recidivated at a much higher rate (43%) than parolees whose release off of this sentence was their first release (26%).
- Of the 562 inmates that returned within the **first year** post-release, those who were released via parole had a recidivism rate of 30%, whereas the recidivism rate of those released via expiration of sentence was 20%.
- The difference seen in the recidivism rate during the **first year** for releases on parole versus releases on expiration of sentence were not seen in the second and third year of the follow-up period. During the second and third years post-release inmates released via GCD/expiration of sentence had a slightly higher recidivism rate than inmates paroled to the street. During the **second year** post-release, the recidivism rate for parolees was 12%, slightly lower than the rate of 13% for those released expiration of sentence. During the **third year** post-release the recidivism rate for inmates released via expiration of sentence was 8%, compared to inmates paroled to the street (6%).
- Overall, by the end of the three-year follow-up period the recidivism rate for inmates released on parole was higher (48%) than the rate for those released via expiration of sentence (36%).
- Releases from a secure (maximum and medium) facility had a higher recidivism rate (42%) than did releases from a lower security (36%), **three years** post-release.

Table 7 presents the recidivism rates for type of release and by gender of the offender. Again, whether this was the recidivist's first release off of their sentence, or if they had a prior parole/probation violation is also reflected in this table.

- During the first year post-release, **male** offenders had a slightly higher recidivism rate (20%) than female offenders (19%).
- During the first year post release, **males** recidivated at more than twice the rate (32%) if paroled to the street than if released via expiration of sentence/discharge to the street (13%). There was only a slight difference in the recidivism rates of males returning in the <u>second year</u> of the study, with parolees having a recidivism rate of 13%, and offenders released by expiration of sentence/discharge recidivating at a rate of 14%. During the third-year post release, males that were released via expiration of sentence had a slightly higher recidivism rate than those released by parole (9% and 7% respectively.)

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- Overall, **male** offenders released on parole had a higher recidivism rate (52%) than those released by expiration of sentence/discharge (37%), three years post-release.
- During the **first year** post-release, **females** recidivated at a higher rate (23%) if released on parole than if released by expiration of sentence (17%). This was not the same for the second and third year of the follow-up period. Females who were released via expiration of sentence who returned during the **second year** post-release had a higher recidivism rate (10%) than those released on parole (7%). During the **third year** post-release, female parolees had a recidivism rate of 5%, where females released by expiration had a slightly higher recidivism rate (7%).

Table 6: Recidivism Rates by Type of Release and Security Level of Releasing **Institution, Three Years Post-Release (Re-incarceration)** 

#### First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES <sup>††††</sup>			LOWER	SECURIT	$\mathbf{Y}^{\ddagger\ddagger\ddagger}$	TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	92	29%	446	105	24%	759	197	26%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	72	42%	62	28	45%	234	100	43%
SUBTOTAL	485	164	34%	508	133	26%	993	297	30%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	143	15%	395	34	9%	1328	177	13%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	67	19%	147	21	14%	499	88	18%
SUBTOTAL	1285	210	16%	542	55	10%	1827	265	15%
TOTAL	1770	374	21%	1050	188	18%	2820	562	20%

#### **Second Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE	SECURE FACILITIES			R SECURI	TOTAL			
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	31	10%	446	51	11%	759	82	11%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	27	16%	62	8	13%	234	35	15%
SUBTOTAL	485	58	12%	508	59	12%	993	117	12%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	124	13%	395	36	9%	1328	160	12%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	54	15%	147	24	16%	499	78	16%
SUBTOTAL	1285	178	14%	542	60	11%	1827	238	13%
TOTAL	1770	236	13%	1050	119	11%	2820	355	13%

#### Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE	SECURE FACILITIES			R SECUR	ITY	TOTAL			
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	
FIRST RELEASE	313	17	5%	446	29	7%	759	46	6%	
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	13	8%	62	2	3%	234	15	6%	
SUBTOTAL	485	30	6%	508	31	6%	993	61	6%	
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE										
FIRST RELEASE	933	76	8%	395	24	6%	1328	100	8%	
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	36	10%	147	17	12%	499	53	11%	
SUBTOTAL	1285	112	9%	542	41	8%	1827	153	8%	
TOTAL	1770	142	8%	1050	72	7%	2820	214	8%	

#### **Total-Three Years Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOWE	R SECUR	ITY	TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	140	45%	446	185	41%	759	325	43%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	112	65%	62	38	61%	234	150	64%
SUBTOTAL	485	252	52%	508	223	44%	993	475	48%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	343	37%	395	94	24%	1328	437	33%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	157	45%	147	62	42%	499	219	44%
SUBTOTAL	1285	500	39%	542	156	29%	1827	656	36%
TOTAL	1770	752	42%	1050	379	36%	2820	1131	40%

<sup>†††††</sup> Secure Facility refers to releases from a Maximum or a Medium Security Facility.
‡‡‡‡ Minimum security, minimum pre-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release are lower security facilities.

Table 7: Recidivism Rates by Type of Release and Gender of Offender, Three Years Post-Release (Re-incarceration)

#### First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MA	LE		FEMA	LE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	155	28%	198	42	21%	759	197	26%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	90	43%	24	10	42%	234	100	43%
SUB-TOTAL	771	245	32%	222	52	23%	993	297	30%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	114	13%	431	63	15%	1328	177	13%
PAR/PROB VIOL	418	63	15%	81	25	31%	499	88	18%
SUBTOTAL	1315	177	13%	512	88	17%	1827	265	15%
TOTAL	2086	422	20%	734	140	19%	2820	562	20%

#### **Second Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	MALE FEMALE			TOTAL				
PAROLE	$\mathbf{N}$	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	68	12%	198	14	7%	759	82	11%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	34	16%	24	1	4%	234	35	15%
SUB-TOTAL	771	102	13%	222	15	<b>7%</b>	993	117	12%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	111	12%	431	49	11%	1328	160	12%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	75	18%	81	3	4%	499	78	16%
SUBTOTAL	1315	186	14%	512	52	10%	1827	238	13%
TOTAL	2086	288	14%	734	67	9%	2820	355	13%

#### **Third Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	L <b>E</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>			TOTAL			
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	38	7%	198	8	4%	759	46	6%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	13	6%	24	2	8%	234	15	6%
SUB-TOTAL	771	51	7%	222	10	5%	993	61	6%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	72	8%	431	28	6%	1328	100	8%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	46	11%	81	7	9%	499	53	11%
SUBTOTAL	1315	118	9%	512	35	7%	1827	153	8%
TOTAL	2086	169	8%	734	45	6%	2820	214	8%

#### **Total-Three Years Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	L <b>E</b>		FEMA	LE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	261	47%	198	64	32%	759	325	43%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	137	65%	24	13	54%	234	150	64%
SUB-TOTAL	771	398	52%	222	77	35%	993	475	48%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	297	33%	431	140	32%	1328	437	33%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	184	44%	81	35	43%	499	219	44%
SUBTOTAL	1315	481	37%	512	175	34%	1827	656	36%
TOTAL	2086	879	42%	734	252	34%	2820	1131	40%

Table 8: Recidivism Rates by Selected Characteristics and Gender, Three-Years Post-Release (Re-incarceration)

Selected	N	<b>Iales</b>	es Females				Т	otal	
Characteristics	<b>.</b>			2.7			<b>.</b>		
the A CE	N	rec	rate	N	rec	rate	N	rec	rate
*RACE	1010	40.4	100/	<b></b>	1.55	2.40/	1 7 11	<b>7</b> 04	2004
Caucasian	1018	404	40%	523	177	34%	1541	581	38%
African American	621	295	48%	100	38	38%	721	333	46%
Hispanic*	439	179	41%	107	37	35%	546	216	40%
Asian	2	0	0%	4	0	0%	6	0	0%
Other	6	1	17%	0	0	n.a.	6	1	17%
AGE AT									
RELEASE									
17 years	2	1	50%	1		100%	3	2	67%
18 years	12	7	58%	4	2	50%	16	9	56%
19 years	17	10	59%	10	4	40%	27	14	52%
20 years	36	16	44%	11	2	18%	47	18	38%
21 years	41	21	51%	13	5	38%	54	26	48%
22 years	70	32	46%	21	12	57%	91	44	48%
23 years	61	25	41%	19	9	47%	80	34	43%
24 years	68	38	56%	12	5	42%	80	43	54%
25 to 29 years	454	204	45%	126	53	42%	580	257	44%
30 to 34 years	464	214	46%	189	76	40%	653	290	44%
35 to 39 years	362	166	46%	167	58	35%	529	224	42%
40 to 44 years	243	84	35%	98	16	16%	341	100	29%
45 to 49 years	118	34	29%	44	4	9%	162	38	23%
50 to 54 years	81	19	23%	11	2	18%	92	21	23%
55 to 59 years	30	5	17%	6	2	33%	36	7	19%
60 to 64 years	18	2	11%	1	1	100%	19	3	16%
65 to 69 years	7	0	0%	1	0	0%.	8	0	0%
70 years or older	2	1	50%	0	0	n.a.	2	1	50%
PRESENT									
OFFENSE									
Person	853	381	45%	140	48	34%	993	429	43%
Sex	212	61	29%	11	2	18%	223	63	28%
Property	365	210	58%	163	60	37%	528	270	51%
Drug	481	175	36%	184	56	30%	665	231	35%
Other	175	52	30%	236	86	36%	411	138	34%
TOTAL	2086	879	42%	734	252	34%	2820	1131	40%

• As presented in the above table, African Americans had a recidivism rate of 46%, while the recidivism rate for Hispanic inmates was 40%, and Caucasians (non-Hispanic) had a recidivism rate of 38%. The rate for the 'other' race category (n=6) was 17%, and none of the six Asian inmates released were recidivists. For males, the recidivism rate for African American and Hispanic inmates was 48% and 41% respectively, while the recidivism rate for Caucasian male releases was 40%. For females, African Americans recidivated at a rate of 38%, Hispanic females had a recidivism rate of 35%, and Caucasian females had a recidivism rate of 34%.

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<sup>\*</sup> In 2000, the Department of Correction implemented expanded race/ethnic definitions. However, since this report examines the recidivism trends of inmates released in1998, the 2000 race/ethnic definitions are not used in this report.

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- The section on age of the offender reveals that for both males and females, the younger inmates had the highest recidivism rates. The offenders who were less than thirty years of age at time of release (n=978) had a recidivism rate of 46%, compared to a rate of 37% for offenders who were thirty years old or older (n=1,842). Please note, the inmates in the 24 years or younger categories are presented year by year, whereas, the inmates over 24 years in age where placed into categories encompassing a five year time frame.
- For the present offense category (the inmates governing offense prior to their release to the street), property offense had the highest recidivism rate (51%), followed by person offense (43%), drug offense (35%), 'other' offenses (34%), and sex offense with a rate of 28%. For **males**, the property offense category had the highest recidivism rate, with 58% of these offenders returning. For the **females**, the property offense category had the highest recidivism rate (37%).

In the first section of this report, a recidivist is defined as any inmate released to the street from the DOC during 1998 who is **re-incarcerated** to a Massachusetts State or County facility or to a Federal facility within three years of his/her release. Types of re-incarceration include technical violation of parole, parole violation with a new offense, return to county custody, return to state or federal custody, technical violation of probation, and probation violation with a new offense.

- Of the 1,131 inmates that were a recidivist using this definition, 183 were re-incarcerated for a technical parole or probation violation. One hundred and seventy-two were technical parole violations and 11 were technical violation of probation.
- Of the 183 inmates that returned for a technical violation, 37 of them had another return within the three-year period that was used when determining the recidivism rate excluding technical violations.

Tables 9 and 10 present a comparison between the recidivism rate (re-incarceration) <u>excluding</u> technical violation of parole and probation and the recidivism rate (re-incarceration) <u>including</u> technical violations of parole and probation.

	<b>Table 9: 19</b>	98 Recid	livism R	ates (Re-	incarcera	tion), by	Gender		
		§§§§ Rec	idivism F	Rate Excl	luding Te	chnical <b>V</b>	Violation	s	
		1st Yo		2nd Y		3rd Y		Tot	al
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Male	2086	319	15%	274	13%	174	8%	767	37%
Female	734	108	15%	66	9%	44	6%	218	30%
Total	2820	427	15%	340	12%	218	8%	985	35%
		Recio	livism R	ate Inclu	ding Tecl	hnical Vi	olations		
		1st Yo		2nd Y	0	3rd Y		Tot	al
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Male	2086	422	20%	288	14%	169	8%	879	42%
Female	734	140	19%	67	9%	45	6%	252	34%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Table 9 presents a comparison of the 1998 recidivism rate excluding inmates re-incarcerated for a technical violation of parole or probation, by gender. As shown in the above table, the number of inmates that returned within the three-year period was less (n=985) when excluding technical violations.

• The recidivism rate <u>including</u> the technical violations is 40%, compared to a rate of 35% when <u>excluding</u> them. The biggest difference in the recidivism rate was seen during the first year post release. The recidivism rate for men including the technical violations was 20% compared to a rate of 15% when excluding them during the first year post-release. The rate for the females was also higher including the technical violations (19%), than it was when

to be counted as a recidivist.

Inmates who were released during 1998 following a return for a technical violation are included in the 1998 release population. For purposes of the above table, inmates returned as a technical violator within the three-year period following their release to the street are not considered a recidivist. Therefore, the first instance of a non-technical return could cause more than one release

excluding the technical violations (15%), first year post-release. This was not seen in the second and third year of the follow-up period. During the second year, there was only a difference of 1% in the recidivism rate when excluding the technical violations, and there was no difference in the rate during the third year.

#### Table 10 1998 Recidivism Rates (Re-incarceration), by Release Type

		******Re	ecidivisn	n Rate Ex	xcluding [	Гесhnica	l Violatio	ns	
		1st Ye	ear	2nd Y	ear	3rd Y	ear	Total	
Release Type	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
GCD to Street	1827	262	14%	235	13%	150	8%	647	35%
Parole to Street	993	165	17%	105	11%	68	7%	338	34%
Total	2820	427	15%	340	12%	218	8%	985	35%

		Reci	divism R	ate Inclu	ding Tech	nical Vi	olations		
		1st Ye	ear	2nd Y	ear	3rd Y	ear	Tota	al
Release Type	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
GCD to Street	1827	265	15%	238	13%	153	8%	656	36%
Parole to Street	993	297	30%	117	12%	61	6%	475	48%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

- The most significant change in the recidivism rate in the above table was found when comparing the rate of inmates paroled to the street. During the first year post-release the recidivism rate for paroled inmates was 30% when including those returned for a technical violation of parole. That rate dropped drastically to 17% when excluding the technical violations. This dramatic difference was not seen in the second and third years of the follow-up period. In both the second and third years post-release, there was only a 1% change in the recidivism rate for inmates released via parole when comparing the two groups. When including the technical violations, the recidivism rate for paroled inmates was 48%, three years post-release. The recidivism rate for paroled inmates fell to 34% three years post-release when excluding the technical violations.
- The recidivism rate for inmates released to the street via GCD/Expiration of Sentence only changed slightly, from 36% to 35%, three-years post-release when excluding the technical violations.

recidivist. Therefore, the first instance of a non-technical return could cause more than one release to be counted as a recidivist.

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<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Inmates who were released during 1998 following a return for a technical violation are included in the 1998 release population. For purposes of the above table, inmates returned as a technical violator within the three-year period following their release to the street are not considered a

Statistical Tables for

Re-incarcerated inmates,
1998 Recidivism Release
Characteristics, Three
Years Post-Release

The following section consists solely of statistical tables. When examining the tables, the reader should note: (1) 'N' represents the number of releases who fell into the corresponding category in the table; (2) 'Rec' represents the number of releases who were recidivists; (3) 'Rate' (Recidivism Rate) represents the percentage of releases in that category who have recidivated; (4) Some tables may not add to 100% due to rounding; and (5) The social demographic variables race/ethnicity, marital status, and prior address are self-reported by the offender at the time of commitment.

Table 11: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Type of Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Ye	1st Year		ear	3rd Ye	ar	Total	
Type of Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Parole	993	297	30%	117	12%	61	6%	475	48%
Discharge/Expiration	1827	265	15%	238	13%	153	8%	656	36%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Table 12: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Length of Incarceration,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

		1st Y	'ear	2nd	Year	3rd Y	Year	To	tal
Length of Incarceration	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Less Than 6 Months	826	175	21%	89	11%	54	7%	318	38%
6 To12 Months	317	64	20%	42	13%	25	8%	131	41%
1 To 2 Years	379	84	22%	57	15%	29	8%	170	45%
2 To 3 Years	455	104	23%	55	12%	47	10%	206	45%
3 To 5 Years	426	85	20%	61	14%	36	8%	182	43%
5 To 10 Years	349	42	12%	46	13%	21	6%	109	31%
10 To 15 Years	49	5	10%	5	10%	1	2%	11	22%
15 or More Years	19	3	16%	0	0%	1	5%	4	21%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Table 13: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Age at Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd Y	Year	3rd Y	Year	Tota	ıl
Age at Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
17 Years	3	2	67%	0	0%	0	0%	2	67%
18 Years	16	2	13%	4	25%	3	19%	9	56%
19 Years	27	7	26%	6	22%	1	4%	14	52%
20 Years	47	10	21%	4	9%	4	9%	18	38%
21 Years	54	13	24%	9	17%	4	7%	26	48%
22 Years	91	12	13%	16	18%	16	18%	44	48%
23 Years	80	14	18%	14	18%	6	8%	34	43%
24 Years	80	23	29%	13	16%	7	9%	43	54%
25 To 29 Years	580	121	21%	87	15%	49	8%	257	44%
30 To 34 Years	653	171	26%	68	10%	51	8%	290	44%
35 To 39 Years	529	100	19%	76	14%	48	9%	224	42%
40 To 44 Years	341	46	13%	40	12%	14	4%	100	29%
45 To 49 Years	162	19	12%	12	7%	7	4%	38	23%
50 To 54 Years	92	15	16%	4	4%	2	2%	21	23%
55 To 59 Years	36	4	11%	2	6%	1	3%	7	19%
60 To 64 Years	19	2	11%	0	0%	1	5%	3	16%
65 To 69 Years	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 Years or older	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

# Nature of Present Offense **Re-incarcerated** Inmates

<u>Table 14: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Present Offense, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Yea	ar	To	tal
*Present Offense	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Person	993	208	21%	149	15%	72	7%	429	43%
Sex	223	29	13%	17	8%	17	8%	63	28%
Property	528	153	29%	76	14%	41	8%	270	51%
Drug	665	95	14%	79	12%	57	9%	231	35%
Other	411	77	19%	34	8%	27	7%	138	34%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<sup>\*</sup> Governing offense category served by inmates when released

<u>Table 15: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Person Offense, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Y	Zear Tear	2nd Y	ear	3rd Y	ear	To	tal
PERSON OFFENSES	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Unarmed Assault to Rob	7	2	29%	3	43%	0	0%	5	71%
Stalking	3	1	33%	1	33%	0	0%	2	67%
Accessory Before/After the Fact	5	0	0%	3	60%	0	0%	3	60%
Carjacking	7	2	29%	2	29%	0	0%	4	57%
Unarmed Robbery	116	32	28%	22	19%	11	9%	65	56%
Unarmed Robbery Victim 60+	18	5	28%	3	17%	2	11%	10	56%
Armed Assault in Dwelling	15	6	40%	2	13%	0	0%	8	53%
Assault w/Intent to Murder	12	4	33%	2	17%	0	0%	6	50%
A&B w/Injury, Child under 14	4	0	0%	2	50%	0	0%	2	50%
Assault Dangerous Weapon	23	7	30%	3	13%	1	4%	11	48%
Armed Robbery	337	72	21%	52	15%	31	9%	155	46%
A&B Dangerous Weapon	152	31	20%	22	14%	10	7%	63	41%
Armed Assault w/Intent to Rob/Murder	93	14	15%	16	17%	7	8%	37	40%
Other Person Offense	11	2	18%	2	18%	0	0%	4	36%
Assault /A&B	69	15	22%	5	7%	5	7%	25	36%
Murder 2	15	3	20%	1	7%	1	7%	5	33%
Conspiracy	3	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
Mayhem	13	1	8%	2	15%	1	8%	4	31%
Vehicular Homicide	18	5	28%	0	0%	0	0%	5	28%
Kidnapping	8	2	25%	0	0%	0	0%	2	25%
Manslaughter	60	3	5%	5	8%	3	5%	11	18%
Extortion	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Civil Rights Violation	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	993	208	21%	149	15%	72	7%	429	43%
Not a Person Offense	1827	354	19%	206	11%	142	8%	702	38%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Table 16: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Sex Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st yea	r	2nd Ye	ar	3rd Yea	ır	Tota	al
Sex Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Unnatural Act	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Rape	51	13	25%	6	12%	6	12%	25	49%
Assault w/Intent to Rape	11	3	27%	0	0%	1	9%	4	36%
Rape of Child <16 w/Force	42	4	10%	4	10%	2	5%	10	24%
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	49	5	10%	3	6%	3	6%	11	22%
Indecent A&B on Child <14	28	0	0%	3	11%	3	11%	6	21%
Aggravated Rape	26	2	8%	1	4%	2	8%	5	19%
Assault w/Int to Rape, Child <16	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Indecent A&B Victim 14+	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Sex Offense	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	223	29	13%	17	8%	17	8%	63	28%
Not a Sex Offense	2597	533	21%	338	13%	197	8%	1068	41%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<u>Table 17: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Property Offense, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st	1st Year 2		2nd Year		3rd Year		tal
Property Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Larceny from Person Over 64	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Common and Notorious Thief	4	2	50%	0	0%	1	25%	3	75%
Destruction of Property	9	3	33%	3	33%	0	0%	6	67%
Vehicle Theft	46	20	43%	6	13%	3	7%	29	63%
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	244	83	34%	41	17%	19	8%	143	59%
Armed Burglary	14	2	14%	3	21%	3	21%	8	57%
Larceny	97	24	25%	10	10%	11	11%	45	46%
Fraud	7	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	3	43%
Arson	25	6	24%	4	16%	0	0%	10	40%
Larceny from a Person	14	3	21%	1	7%	1	7%	5	36%
Receiving Stolen Goods	20	2	10%	3	15%	2	10%	7	35%
Shoplifting	27	3	11%	4	15%	0	0%	7	26%
Forgery & Uttering	17	0	0%	1	6%	1	6%	2	12%
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Embezzlement	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	528	153	29%	76	14%	41	8%	270	51%
Not a Property Offense	2292	409	18%	279	12%	173	8%	861	38%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Table 18: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Drug Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	Year	2nd	Year	3rd year		To	tal
Drug Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Being Present Where Heroin Is Kept	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
CL D - Poss W/Intent To Dist	3	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	3	100%
Theft of Drugs	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Controlled Substance- Class D	5	0	0%	1	20%	2	40%	3	60%
Controlled Substance No Class Specified	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
CL C - Poss W/Int To Dist.	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
*Specific CL B Poss W/Intent To Dist	64	10	16%	12	19%	7	11%	29	45%
Controlled Substance-Class B	9	2	22%	0	0%	2	22%	4	44%
Possession No Class Specified	67	13	19%	9	13%	5	7%	27	40%
*CL A -Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subsequent	15	1	7%	3	20%	2	13%	6	40%
*Drug Violation, School Zone/Park	41	4	10%	6	15%	6	15%	16	39%
CL A - Poss W/Int To Dist	116	17	15%	18	16%	10	9%	45	39%
Controlled Substance-Class A	13	4	31%	1	8%	0	0%	5	38%
CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist	153	29	19%	14	9%	13	8%	56	37%
Possession of Hypodermic Instrument	9	2	22%	1	11%	0	0%	3	33%
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	22	4	18%	1	5%	2	9%	7	32%
*CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subsequent	14	2	14%	0	0%	2	14%	4	29%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 28 - 100 Grams	29	2	7%	3	10%	1	3%	6	21%
*Specific CL B Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subs.	5	0	0%	1	20%	0	0%	1	20%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	77	2	3%	5	6%	5	6%	12	16%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist To Minor	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 100 - 200 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 28 - 100 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 100 - 200 Grams	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Induce Minor In Sale Of Drug	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Possession of Class B	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	665	95	14%	79	12%	57	9%	231	35%
Not a Drug Offense	2155	467	22%	276	13%	157	7%	900	42%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes drug offenses carrying a mandatory sentence

Table 19: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by 'Other' Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	Zear	2nd	Year	3rd Year		Total	
'Other' Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Use Of Firearm For Felony	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Perjury/Contempt Of Court Order	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Habitual Criminal	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Miscellaneous Other Offenses	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Prostitution	46	19	41%	6	13%	8	17%	33	72%
Escape	9	2	22%	4	44%	0	0%	6	67%
Carry A Firearm W/Out License	27	7	26%	2	7%	5	19%	14	52%
Delivering/Receiving Articles To Inmate	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
Other Weapons Offense	27	7	26%	2	7%	3	11%	12	44%
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	28	7	25%	3	11%	1	4%	11	39%
Violation of Court Order	13	3	23%	1	8%	1	8%	5	38%
Attempt To Commit Crime	8	2	25%	0	0%	1	13%	3	38%
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	50	7	14%	8	16%	2	4%	17	34%
Leave Scene Of Vehicular Accident	10	3	30%	0	0%	0	0%	3	30%
Resisting Arrest	7	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	2	29%
Trespassing	5	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	1	20%
OUI, Alcohol Or Drugs	170	14	8%	8	5%	4	2%	26	15%
Bribery/Corruption	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Operating Under Influence W/Injury	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	411	77	19%	34	8%	27	7%	138	34%
Not An Other Offense	2409	485	20%	321	13%	187	8%	993	41%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Personal Background Characteristics

<u>Table 20: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Age at Incarceration, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Y	'ear	2nd Y	Year	3rd Y	7ear	Tot	al
Age at	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Incarceration									
15 to 19	211	38	18%	34	16%	20	9%	92	44%
20 to 24	482	103	21%	66	14%	46	10%	215	45%
25 to 29	589	129	22%	88	15%	48	8%	265	45%
30 to 34	625	153	24%	71	11%	55	9%	279	45%
35 to 39	455	81	18%	58	13%	28	6%	167	37%
40 to 44	235	29	12%	27	11%	10	4%	66	28%
45 to 49	132	15	11%	9	7%	3	2%	27	20%
50 to 54	55	8	15%	2	4%	2	4%	12	22%
55 to 59	23	3	13%	0	0%	2	9%	5	22%
60 to 64	10	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	2	20%
65 to 69	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 or Older	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2820	561	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<u>Table 21: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Race/Ethnicity, Three Years Post-Release</u> The information in this table is self-reported.

		1st Y	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		al
Race/Ethnicity	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
African American	721	165	23%	96	13%	72	10%	333	46%
Hispanic	546	95	17%	68	12%	53	10%	216	40%
Caucasian	1541	301	20%	191	12%	89	6%	581	38%
American Indian	6	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	1	17%
Asian	6	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<sup>\*</sup> Caucasian non Hispanic

Table 22: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		Total	
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Male	2086	422	20%	288	14%	169	8%	879	42%
Female	734	140	19%	67	9%	45	6%	252	34%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<u>Table 23: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Marital Status, Three Years Post-Release</u> The Information in this table is self-reported.

		1st Ye	1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		al
Marital Status	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Single	2001	426	21%	274	14%	169	8%	869	43%
Separated	129	17	13%	12	9%	10	8%	39	30%
Widow/Widower	30	8	27%	1	3%	0	0%	9	30%
Divorce	272	44	16%	25	9%	11	4%	80	29%
Married	366	65	18%	39	11%	22	6%	126	34%
Unknown	16	2	13%	3	19%	1	6%	6	38%
Partner	6	0	0%	1	17%	1	17%	2	33%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

<u>Table 24: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Last Known Address, Three Years Post-Release</u> The information in this table is self-reported.

		1st Y	Year	2nd	Year	3rd Y	Year	Tota	al
Last Known Address	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Holyoke	49	12	24%	11	22%	5	10%	28	57%
Fall River	45	11	24%	8	18%	3	7%	22	49%
Brockton	127	26	20%	19	15%	14	11%	59	46%
Boston	527	122	23%	56	11%	60	11%	238	45%
Cambridge	38	7	18%	4	11%	6	16%	17	45%
Framingham	47	12	26%	7	15%	2	4%	21	45%
Lawrence	97	22	23%	15	15%	6	6%	43	44%
Worcester	185	40	22%	24	13%	18	10%	82	44%
Fitchburg	52	15	29%	4	8%	4	8%	23	44%
Springfield	163	32	20%	19	12%	19	12%	70	43%
Lynn	92	24	26%	10	11%	4	4%	38	41%
New Bedford	63	16	25%	5	8%	4	6%	25	40%
Lowell	79	15	19%	7	9%	7	9%	29	37%
Other Mass Cities/Towns	1065	192	18%	142	13%	54	5%	388	36%
Unknown	37	6	16%	5	14%	2	5%	13	35%
Somerville	30	5	17%	4	13%	1	3%	10	33%
Out of State	124	5	4%	15	12%	5	4%	25	20%
Total	2820	562	20%	355	13%	214	8%	1131	40%

Release follow-up Outcomes

<u>Table 25: Arrest Disposition by New Offense, for Recidivists who returned within the three-year follow-up period</u>

<b>Arrest Disposition</b>	New Offense										
	Person	Sex	<b>Property</b>	Drug	Other	No Offense	Total				
Continued	1	0	1	1	1	0	4				
County Commitment	22	0	29	21	33	0	105				
Dismissed	25	3	9	4	13	0	54				
Filed	0	0	6	5	14	0	25				
Fine, SS, Probation	4	0	5	7	6	0	22				
Not Guilty	3	1	1	1	1	0	7				
State Commitment	6	0	3	7	4	0	20				
Subtotal	61	4	54	46	72	0	237				
*Not Applicable	190	9	183	145	184	183	894				
Total	251	13	237	191	256	183	1131				

Of the 1,131 inmates that recidivated within the three year follow-up period, 237 returned as a parole or a probation violator with a new arrest. The outcome of the arrests is included in the table above.

<u>Table 26:</u> New offense for recidivists who returned within the three-year follow-up period, By present offense.

<b>Present Offense</b>	New Offense										
	Person	Sex	Property	Drug	Other	Total					
Person Offense	138	6	79	60	89	372					
Sex Offense	12	5	6	5	18	46					
Property Offense	42	1	100	33	39	215					
Drug Offense	39	0	36	79	36	190					
Other Offense	20	1	16	14	74	125					
Total	251	13	237	191	256	948					

The above table shows present offense (governing offense an inmate was incarcerated for at time of release), by new offense (offense an inmate was reincarcerated for if their return type was not a technical violation of parole or probation.) 948 inmates returned within the three-year follow-up period with a new offense.

- One hundred-thirty eight (37%) of the person offenders who returned with a new offense were returned for a person offense.
- A total of 37% of the sex offenders were re-incarcerated for a violent offense (sex offense and person offense.)
- Five offenders (11%) were recommitted for a sex offense. Another 12 sex offenders (26%) were re-incarcerated for a person offense.

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<sup>\*</sup> This number includes inmates who were re-incarcerated as a result of a technical violation of parole or probation. These recidivists do not have a new offense.

- In the property offense category, 100 (47%) of the 215 inmates who were returned with a new offense were for a property offense.
- Forty-two percent of the inmates that had a governing drug offense were reincarcerated for a drug offense.

Section Two:
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## Type Of Re-conviction

#### Of the 2,820 inmates tracked for the three-year followperiod, 1,318 (47%) received new conviction. Of the 1,318 inmates, a total of 565 inmates (43%)were incarcerated within the three-year period following their release to the street.

Figure 7: Type of Re-conviction

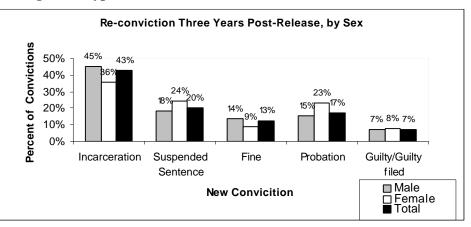


Table 27: Type of Re-conviction, Male Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release

• Table 26 presents the distribution of types of re-conviction for male recidivists who received a new conviction within three years of their release to the street.

	<u>1st</u> `	<u>1st Year</u>		Year	3rd	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>		
<b>Re-conviction</b>	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	
Incarceration	174	45%	182	49%	84	41%	440	45%	
Suspended Sentence	60	15%	84	22%	34	17%	178	18%	
Fine	79	20%	34	9%	22	11%	135	14%	
Probation	53	14%	50	13%	45	22%	148	15%	
Guilty/Guilty filed	24	6%	25	7%	20	10%	69	7%	
Total	390	100%	375	100%	205	100%	970	100%	

• Of the 970 male inmates that had a new conviction in the three year period following their release to the street, forty-five percent (n=440) were incarcerated. Eighteen percent received a suspended sentence, 15% received probation, 14% received a fine, and another 7% received a guilty or guilty filed.

Table 28: Type of Re-conviction, Female Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release

• During the three-year follow-up period, 348 females received a new conviction. Thirty-six percent of those females were re-incarcerated. Twenty-four percent of the females with a new conviction received a

	1st	1st Year		Year	3rd	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>		
<b>Re-conviction</b>	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	
Incarceration	65	38%	40	36%	20	31%	125	36%	
Suspended Sentence	43	25%	29	26%	13	20%	85	24%	
Fine	18	10%	8	7%	5	8%	31	9%	
Probation	34	20%	23	21%	23	35%	80	23%	
Guilty/Guilty filed	13	8%	10	9%	4	6%	27	8%	
Total	173	100%	110	100%	65	100%	348	100%	

suspended sentence, 23% received probation, 9% received a fine, and 8% received a guilty or guilty filed.

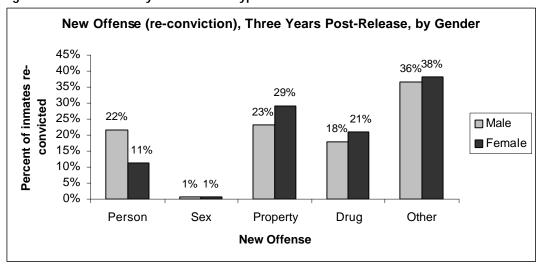
## **New Offense**

Table 29: New Offense for re-conviction, Three Years Post-Release

	M	Male		nale	Total		
	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Person	210	22%	39	11%	249	19%	
Sex	7	1%	2	1%	9	1%	
Property	225	23%	101	29%	326	25%	
Drug	174	18%	73	21%	247	19%	
Other	354	36%	133	38%	487	37%	
Total	970	100%	348	100%	1318	100%	

• At the end of the three-year follow-up period, 1,318 inmates were re-convicted of a new offense. Of those, 487 of the inmates re-convicted were for an 'Other' offense (37%). Three hundred and twenty-six inmates (25%) were re-convicted of a property offense, followed by person offense and drug offense (19%), and sex offense (1%).

Figure 8: Re-conviction by New Offense Type



- Of the 1,318 inmates that were re-convicted, 970 were male and 348 were female.
- Of the 970 males that were re-convicted, 36% were for an 'other' offense (n=354), 23% were for a property offense, 22% were for a person offense, 18% for a drug offense, and 1% for a sex offense.
- Of the 348 females, 38% (n=133) were re-convicted for an 'other' offense, 29% for a property offense, 21% for a drug offense, 11% for a person offense, and 1% for a sex offense.

  Table 30: Time Until Re-conviction, by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

**Time Until Re-conviction** 

•Time until re-conviction is the amount of time between the offender's release to the street and when the offender received a new conviction. Of the 1,318 inmates that had a new conviction, 43% (n=561) occurred within the first year.

	M	ale	Fem	ale	Total		
<b>Time Until Reconviction</b>	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Within 1 Month	9	1%	11	3%	20	2%	
1 to 6 Months	147	15%	68	20%	215	16%	
6 to 12 Months	233	24%	93	27%	326	25%	
12 to 18 Months	202	21%	63	18%	265	20%	
18 to 24 Months	173	18%	47	14%	220	17%	
24 to 30 Months	116	12%	43	12%	159	12%	
30 to 36 Months	90	9%	23	7%	113	9%	
Total	970	100%	348	100%	1318	100%	

Security Level

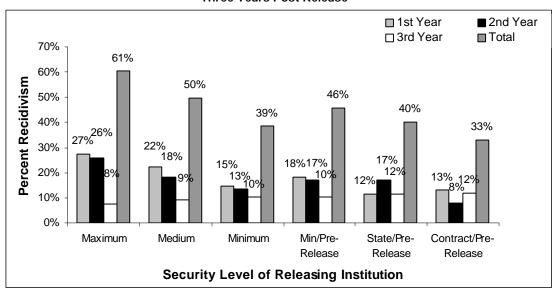


Figure 9: Recidivism Rate for Re-convicted inmates by Security Level,
Three Years Post Release

- · Of the 2,820 inmates released, 132 were released from maximum security, 1,638 from medium security, 538 from minimum security, 300 from minimum/pre-release, 112 from state pre-release, and 100 from contract pre-release.
- During the **first year** post-release, releases from maximum security had a recidivism rate of 27%, followed by medium security (22%), minimum pre-release (18%), minimum security (15%), contract pre-release (13%), and state pre-release (12%).
- During the **second year** post-release, 26% of the inmates released from a maximum security facility recidivated.
- Inmates that were released from maximum security had the lowest recidivism rate (8%) during the **third year** post-release. Where as, the highest recidivism rates were found in releases from state pre-release and contract pre-release (12%).
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, 61% of the releases from a maximum security facility had recidivated, 50% of releases from medium security, 46% of minimum pre-release, 40% of state pre-release, 39% of minimum security, and 33% of releases from contract pre-release.

Table 31: Recidivism Rates for Re-convicted inmates by Security Level of Releasing Institution. Three Years Post-Release

of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post-Release										
Security Level *****	Non-Recidivists	Recidivists	Total	Rec Rate						
Maximum										
Cedar Junction	47	65	112	58%						
Souza-Baranowski CC <sup>‡‡‡‡‡</sup>	5	15	20	75%						
sub-total	52	80	132	61%						
Medium										
Bay State	5	0	5	0%						
Bridgewater S.H.	1	2	3	67%						
Concord	99	98	197	50%						
Framingham <sup>§§§§§</sup>	310	306	616	50%						
Mass Boot Camp	32	43	75	57%						
Mass Treatment Center	35	8	43	19%						
NCCI-Gardner	72	65	137	47%						
Norfolk	63	56	119	47%						
Old Colony	27	54	81	67%						
Shattuck Correctional Unit	2	0	2	0%						
Shirley Medium	86	83	169	49%						
Southeastern	91	100	191	52%						
Sub-total	823	815	1638	50%						
Minimum										
MA Boot Camp	17	23	40	58%						
Plymouth	39	41	80	51%						
Northeastern C.C.	46	39	85	46%						
Longwood	117	36	153	249						
Pondville	42	25	67	379						
Shirley Minimum	69	44	113	39%						
Sub-Total	330	208	538	39%						
Minimum Pre-Release										
Lancaster	72	57	129	44%						
South Middlesex	91	80	171	47%						
Sub-total	163	137	300	46%						
State Pre-Release										
Boston State	39	32	71	45%						
Park Drive	28	13	41	32%						
Subtotal	67	45	112	40%						
Contract Pre-Release										
Charlotte House	15	9	24	389						
Houston House	4	4	8	50%						
PPREP	48	20	68	29%						
Subtotal	67	33	100	33%						
Grand total	1502	1318	2820	47%						

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Security level designations represent security levels from the DOC count sheet of 12/31/98.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SBCC opened in 1998 and was fully operational by November of 1998.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Releases from Hodder House are included in the Framingham count.

## Type of Release for Re-convicted inmates

Table 32 shows the recidivism rate of <u>re-convicted</u> inmates broken down by secure versus lower security facilities. Secure facilities include maximum and medium security facilities, while lower security includes minimum, minimum pre-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release. Also included in this table is whether the inmate was released on parole or via expiration of sentence/discharge. Inmates being released via parole are released into the community under the supervision of a parole officer. Inmates being released via expiration of sentence/certificate of discharge are not under supervision unless they are required to serve a term of probation. Comparisons are also made between inmates whose release from this sentence is their first release and inmates that have had a prior parole/probation violation on this sentence.

- During the **first year** post-release, inmates released under parole supervision had a much lower <u>re-conviction</u> recidivism rate (13%) than did those inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (24%).
- The recidivism rate for inmates released by parole was lower during the **second year** post-release than those released by expiration of sentence/discharge, 16% and 18% respectively.
- During the **third year** post release the rate for inmates released via parole was slightly higher (10%) than those released expiration of sentence/discharge (9%).
- · Inmates released from a secure facility had a (re-conviction) recidivism rate of 23% one-year post release, compared to a rate of 15% for inmates released from lower security.
- · Fifty-one percent of the releases from a secure facility recidivated by the end of the three-year follow-up period, compared to 40% of the releases from lower security.
- By the end of the three-year post-release period, the (<u>re-conviction</u>) recidivism rate was lower for paroled inmates (40%) than the rate for inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (51%).

Table 33 presents information on the (<u>re-conviction</u>) recidivism rates by type of release and gender of the offender. Again whether or not it was the inmate's first release from this sentence, or if the inmate had a prior parole or probation violation was also compared.

- Of the 734 female inmates released 173 (24%) recidivated during the **first year** following their release to the street. Nineteen percent of the 2,086 male inmates released (n=390) recidivated during the same time period.
- The (<u>reconviction</u>) recidivism rate for female inmates released via expiration of sentence was more than twice the rate for female inmates paroled to the street during the first year post-release. Females released via expiration of sentence had a recidivism rate of 28% within one year post-release. The rate for females released under the supervision of parole was 13% one year post-release.
- During the first year in the follow-up period, male parolees with a prior parole or probation violation had only a slightly higher (<u>re-conviction</u>) recidivism rate than inmates whose release

was the first off of their commitment, 14% and 12% respectively. For the remaining two years in the follow-up period the recidivism rate for each group was the same. For male inmates released via expiration of sentence this was not the case. In each of the three years in the follow-up period, male inmates with a prior parole or probation violation had a higher recidivism rate.

- · During the first year post-release, the recidivism rate (<u>re-conviction</u>) for males released via expiration of sentence/GCD was 22% compared to a rate of 13% for those paroled to the street.
- Male inmates released via expiration of sentence that had a prior parole or probation violation had a recidivism rate of 64% three years post-release. Sixty-two percent of the females released via expiration of sentence with a prior parole or probation violation recidivated within the same time period.
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, both male and female inmates had a (<u>re</u>conviction) recidivism rate of 47%.

<u>Table 32: 1998 Recidivism Rates of Re-convicted inmates, by Type of Release and</u> Security Level, Three Years Post-Release

#### First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES <sup>+</sup>			LOWER	TOTAL				
<i>PAROLE</i>	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	43	14%	446	59	13%	759	102	13%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	20	12%	62	9	15%	234	29	12%
SUBTOTAL	485	63	13%	508	68	13%	993	131	13%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	227	24%	395	58	15%	1328	285	21%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	112	32%	147	35	24%	499	147	29%
SUBTOTAL	1285	339	26%	542	93	17%	1827	432	24%
TOTAL	1770	402	23%	1050	161	15%	2820	563	20%

## **Second Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOWE	R SECU	RITY	TOTAL		
<i>PAROLE</i>	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	57	18%	446	66	15%	759	123	16%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	28	16%	62	9	15%	234	37	16%
SUBTOTAL	485	85	18%	508	75	15%	993	160	16%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	163	17%	395	46	12%	1328	209	16%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	87	25%	147	29	20%	499	116	23%
SUBTOTAL	1285	250	19%	542	75	14%	1827	325	18%
TOTAL	1770	335	19%	1050	150	14%	2820	485	17%

#### **Third Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOWE	R SECU	RITY	TOTAL			
<i>PAROLE</i>	N	Rec	Rate	$\mathbf{N}$	Rec	Rate	$\mathbf{N}$	Rec	Rate	
FIRST RELEASE	313	26	8%	446	51	11%	759	77	10%	
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	20	12%	62	5	8%	234	25	11%	
SUBTOTAL	485	46	9%	508	56	11%	993	102	10%	
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE										
FIRST RELEASE	933	80	9%	395	34	9%	1328	114	9%	
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	32	9%	147	22	15%	499	54	11%	
SUBTOTAL	1285	112	9%	542	56	10%	1827	168	9%	
TOTAL	1770	158	9%	1050	112	11%	2820	270	10%	

## **Total-Three Years Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOWE	ER SECU	RITY	TOTAL		
<i>PAROLE</i>	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	313	126	40%	446	176	39%	759	302	40%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	172	68	40%	62	23	37%	234	91	39%
SUBTOTAL	485	194	40%	508	199	39%	993	393	40%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	933	470	50%	395	138	35%	1328	608	46%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	352	231	66%	147	86	59%	499	317	64%
SUBTOTAL	1285	701	55%	542	224	41%	1827	925	51%
TOTAL	1770	895	51%	1050	423	40%	2820	1318	47%

<sup>+</sup> Secure Facility refers to releases from a Maximum or a Medium Security Facility.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>++</sup> Minimum security, minimum pre-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release are lower security facilities.

<u>Table 33: 1998 Recidivism Rates of Re-convicted Inmates by Type of Release and by Gender of Offender, Three Years Post-Release</u>

TYPE OF RELEASE		MALI	E		FEM.	ALE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE		N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE		561	77	14%	198	25	13%	759	102	13%
PAR/PROB VIOL		210	26	12%	24	3	13%	234	29	12%
SUB-TOTAL		771	103	13%	222	28	13%	993	131	13%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE										
FIRST RELEASE		897	169	19%	431	116	27%	1328	285	21%
PAR/PROB VIOL		418	118	28%	81	29	36%	499	147	29%
SUBTOTAL		1315	287	22%	512	145	28%	1827	432	24%
	TOTAL	2086	390	19%	734	173	24%	2820	563	20%

## **Second Year Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAL	Æ		FEMA	LE		TOT	AL	
<i>PAROLE</i>	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	89	16%	198	34	17%	759	123	16%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	33	16%	24	4	17%	234	37	16%
SUB-TOTAL	771	122	16%	222	38	17%	993	160	16%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	150	17%	431	59	14%	1328	209	16%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	103	25%	81	13	16%	499	116	23%
SUBTOTAL	1315	253	19%	512	72	14%	1827	325	18%
TOT	TAL 2086	375	18%	734	110	15%	2820	485	17%

## Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	LE		FEMA	LE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	62	11%	198	15	8%	759	77	10%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	24	11%	24	1	4%	234	25	11%
SUB-TOTAL	771	86	11%	222	16	<b>7%</b>	993	102	10%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	73	8%	431	41	10%	1328	114	9%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	46	11%	81	8	10%	499	54	11%
SUBTOTAL	1315	119	9%	512	49	10%	1827	168	9%
TOTAL	2086	205	10%	734	65	9%	2820	270	10%

## **Total-Three Years Post-Release**

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	LE		FEM.	LE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	561	228	41%	198	74	37%	759	302	40%
PAR/PROB VIOL	210	83	40%	24	8	33%	234	91	39%
SUB-TOTAL	771	311	40%	222	82	37%	993	393	40%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	897	392	44%	431	216	50%	1328	608	46%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	418	267	64%	81	50	62%	499	317	64%
SUBTOTAL	1315	659	<b>50%</b>	512	266	52%	1827	925	51%
TOTAL	2086	970	47%	734	348	47%	2820	1318	47%

Table 34: Recidivism Rates (re-conviction) by Selected Characteristics and Gender,
Total-Three Years Post-Release

Selected Characteristics	N	Males		Total					
	N	rec	rate	N	Rec	rate	N	rec	rate
****** <b>RACE</b>									
African American	621	327	53%	100	50	50%	721	377	52%
Caucasian	1018	442	43%	523	254	49%	1541	696	45%
Hispanic	439	199	45%	107	44	41%	546	243	45%
Other	6	2	33%	0	0	n.a.	6	2	33%
Asian	2	0	0%	4	0	0%	6	0	0%
<b>AGE AT RELEASE</b>									
17 years	2	1	50%	1	1	100%	3	2	67%
18 years	12	9	75%	4	1	25%	16	10	63%
19 years	17	13	76%	10	6	60%	27	19	70%
20 years	36	21	58%	11	4	36%	47	25	53%
21 years	41	25	61%	13	7	54%	54	32	59%
22 years	70	33	47%	21	13	62%	91	46	51%
23 years	61	30	49%	19	11	58%	80	41	51%
24 years	68	40	59%	12	6	50%	80	46	58%
25 to 29 years	454	224	49%	126	67	53%	580	291	50%
30 to 34 years	464	240	52%	189	108	57%	653	348	53%
35 to 39 years	362	177	49%	167	77	46%	529	254	48%
40 to 44 years	243	99	41%	98	25	26%	341	124	36%
45 to 49 years	118	34	29%	44	15	34%	162	49	30%
50 to 54 years	81	18	22%	11	3	27%	92	21	23%
55 to 59 years	30	4	13%	6	3	50%	36	7	19%
60 to 64 years	18	2	11%	1	1	100%	19	3	16%
65 to 69 years	7	0	0%	1	0	0%	8	0	0%
70 years or older	2	0	0%	0	0	n.a.	2	0	0%
PRESENT OFFEN	SE								
Person	853	437	51%	140	58	41%	993	495	50%
Sex	212	55	26%	11	4	36%	223	59	26%
Property	365	228	62%	163	91	56%	528	319	60%
Drug	481	193	40%	184	73	40%	665	266	40%
Other	175	57	33%	236	122	52%	411	179	44%
TOTAL	2086	970	47%	734	348	47%	2820	1318	47%

In the category of race/gender, African American inmates had a recidivism rate of 52%, followed by Caucasian inmates and Hispanic inmates with a recidivism rate of 45%. For male inmates, African American inmates had the highest recidivism rate (53%). For the female inmates, African Americans had the highest recidivism rate (50%).

As presented in the table on age at release, the inmates that were age 30 or older at their time of release had a lower recidivism rate than did inmates less than 30 years old at time of release. The inmates less than 30 years of age had a recidivism rate of 52%, while those inmates 30 or older had a rate of 44%. This was true for both male and female inmates. Male inmates less than 30 years of age had a recidivism rate of 52%, compared to a rate of 43% for male inmates 30 years old or older. Female inmates less than 30 years of age had a higher rate of recidivating than females age 30 or older, 53% and 45% respectively.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* In 2000, the Department of Correction implemented expanded race/ethnic definitions which are now currently in use. However, since this report examines the recidivism trends of inmates released during 1998, the expanded definitions are not used in this report.

The section on present offense (an inmates governing offense at time of release) shows that property offenders had the highest rate of recidivating (60%), followed by person offense category (50%), 'other' offense (44%), drug offense (40%), and sex offense (26%). For both males and females the property offense category had the highest rate of recidivism, with 62% of the males and 56% of the females in this category recidivating.

Statistical Tables for Re-convicted Inmates, 1998 Recidivism Release Characteristics, Three Years Post-Release

Table 35: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction) by Type of Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	1st Year		'ear	3rd Y	ear	Total		
Type of Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Parole	993	131	13%	160	16%	102	10%	393	40%	
Discharge/Expiration	1827	432	24%	325	18%	168	9%	925	51%	
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%	

Table 36: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction) by Length of Incarceration,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd Y	Year	Tot	tal
Length of Incarceration	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Less Than 6 Months	826	196	24%	124	15%	84	10%	404	49%
6 To12 Months	317	73	23%	60	19%	29	9%	162	51%
1 To 2 Years	379	91	24%	66	17%	41	11%	198	52%
2 To 3 Years	455	89	20%	86	19%	44	10%	219	48%
3 To 5 Years	426	50	12%	86	20%	49	12%	185	43%
5 To 10 Years	349	56	16%	55	16%	20	6%	131	38%
10 To 15 Years	49	6	12%	7	14%	3	6%	16	33%
15 or More Years	19	2	11%	1	5%	0	0%	3	16%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 37: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Age at Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd Y	<b>Tear</b>	3rd Y	/ear	Tota	al
Age at Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
17 Years	3	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%
18 Years	16	3	19%	4	25%	3	19%	10	63%
19 Years	27	10	37%	8	30%	1	4%	19	70%
20 Years	47	9	19%	12	26%	4	9%	25	53%
21 Years	54	14	26%	12	22%	6	11%	32	59%
22 Years	91	16	18%	18	20%	12	13%	46	51%
23 Years	80	17	21%	13	16%	11	14%	41	51%
24 Years	80	16	20%	20	25%	10	13%	46	58%
25 To 29 Years	580	109	19%	124	21%	58	10%	291	50%
30 To 34 Years	653	161	25%	109	17%	78	12%	348	53%
35 To 39 Years	529	111	21%	89	17%	54	10%	254	48%
40 To 44 Years	341	51	15%	54	16%	19	6%	124	36%
45 To 49 Years	162	28	17%	15	9%	6	4%	49	30%
50 To 54 Years	92	12	13%	3	3%	6	7%	21	23%
55 To 59 Years	36	3	8%	3	8%	1	3%	7	19%
60 To 64 Years	19	2	11%	1	5%	0	0%	3	16%
65 To 69 Years	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 Years or older	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Nature of Present Offense, <u>Re-convicted</u> Inmates, Three-Years Post Release

Table 38: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Present Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		Total	
*Present Offense	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Person	993	199	20%	205	21%	91	9%	495	50%
Sex	223	22	10%	18	8%	19	9%	59	26%
Property	528	149	28%	112	21%	58	11%	319	60%
Drug	665	96	14%	103	15%	67	10%	266	40%
Other	411	97	24%	47	11%	35	9%	179	44%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

<sup>\*</sup> Governing offense category served by inmates when released

Table 39: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Person Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	Zear	2nd Y	ear	3rd Y	Zear	Tot	al
PERSON OFFENSES	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Unarmed Assault to Rob	7	1	14%	4	57%	1	14%	6	86%
Unarmed Robbery Victim 60+	18	7	39%	6	33%	2	11%	15	83%
Armed Assault in Dwelling	15	5	33%	5	33%	1	7%	11	73%
Assault Dangerous Weapon	23	6	26%	6	26%	4	17%	16	70%
Stalking	3	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%
Accessory Before/After the Fact	5	1	20%	2	40%	0	0%	3	60%
Unarmed Robbery	116	30	26%	25	22%	12	10%	67	58%
Carjacking	7	1	14%	2	29%	1	14%	4	57%
Armed Robbery	337	70	21%	82	24%	36	11%	188	56%
A&B Dangerous Weapon	152	34	22%	37	24%	10	7%	81	53%
Assault /A&B	69	15	22%	9	13%	7	10%	31	45%
Armed Assault w/Intent to Rob/Murder	93	13	14%	13	14%	10	11%	36	39%
Mayhem	13	2	15%	2	15%	1	8%	5	38%
Other Person Offense	11	1	9%	2	18%	1	9%	4	36%
Assault w/Intent to Murder	12	1	8%	3	25%	0	0%	4	33%
Conspiracy	3	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
A&B w/Injury, Child under 14	4	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%	1	25%
Kidnapping	8	1	13%	1	13%	0	0%	2	25%
Vehicular Homicide	18	3	17%	0	0%	1	6%	4	22%
Manslaughter	60	6	10%	5	8%	2	3%	13	22%
Murder 2	15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Extortion	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Civil Rights Violation	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	993	199	20%	205	21%	91	9%	495	50%
Not a Person Offense	1827	364	20%	280	15%	179	10%	823	45%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 40: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Sex Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st y	ear	2nd Y	'ear	3rd Year		Total	
Sex Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Unnatural Act	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Rape	51	8	16%	5	10%	8	16%	21	41%
Other Sex Offense	3	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
Assault w/Intent to Rape	11	0	0%	1	9%	2	18%	3	27%
Rape of Child <16, Statutory	49	8	16%	2	4%	3	6%	13	27%
Indecent A&B on Child <14	28	0	0%	5	18%	1	4%	6	21%
Aggravated Rape	26	2	8%	1	4%	2	8%	5	19%
Rape of Child <16 w/Force	42	1	2%	4	10%	2	5%	7	17%
Indecent A&B Victim 14+	8	0	0%	0	0%	1	13%	1	13%
Assault w/Int to Rape, Child <16	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	223	22	10%	18	8%	19	9%	59	26%
Not a Sex Offense	2597	541	21%	467	18%	251	10%	1259	48%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 41: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Property Offense,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

		1st	Year	2nd Y	<i>l</i> ear	3rd Y	<b>Tear</b>	Tot	tal
Property Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Larceny from Person Over 64	2	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Destruction of Property	9	4	44%	2	22%	2	22%	8	89%
Vehicle Theft	46	22	48%	6	13%	6	13%	34	74%
Larceny	97	27	28%	22	23%	13	13%	62	64%
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	244	73	30%	55	23%	27	11%	155	64%
Fraud	7	1	14%	2	29%	1	14%	4	57%
Shoplifting	27	6	22%	6	22%	2	7%	14	52%
Common and Notorious Thief	4	2	50%	0	0%	0	0%	2	50%
Receiving Stolen Goods	20	2	10%	5	25%	3	15%	10	50%
Larceny from a Person	14	1	7%	4	29%	1	7%	6	43%
Forgery & Uttering	17	4	24%	1	6%	2	12%	7	41%
Arson	25	3	12%	7	28%	0	0%	10	40%
Armed Burglary	14	2	14%	2	14%	1	7%	5	36%
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Embezzlement	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	528	149	28%	112	21%	58	11%	319	60%
Not a Property Offense	2292	414	18%	373	16%	212	9%	999	44%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 42: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Drug Offense, Three Years Post-Release

Table 42: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction	•	1st Y		2nd		3rd y		To	tal
Drug Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Being Present Where Heroin Is Kept	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
CL D - Poss W/Intent To Dist	3	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%
Theft of Drugs	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Controlled Substance- Class D	5	1	20%	1	20%	2	40%	4	80%
Controlled Substance-Class B	9	3	33%	2	22%	1	11%	6	67%
Possession No Class Specified	67	18	27%	9	13%	10	15%	37	55%
*CL A -Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subsequent	15	4	27%	2	13%	2	13%	8	53%
Controlled Substance No Class Specified	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
*Specific CL B Poss W/Intent To Dist	64	10	16%	15	23%	7	11%	32	50%
CL A - Poss W/Int To Dist	116	19	16%	16	14%	18	16%	53	46%
Possession of Hypodermic Instrument	9	3	33%	1	11%	0	0%	4	44%
*Drug Violation, School Zone/Park	41	2	5%	8	20%	7	17%	17	41%
*Specific CL B Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subs.	5	1	20%	1	20%	0	0%	2	40%
Controlled Substance-Class A	13	3	23%	1	8%	1	8%	5	38%
CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist	153	13	8%	33	22%	11	7%	57	37%
*CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist, Subsequent	14	3	21%	0	0%	2	14%	5	36%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 28 - 100 Grams	29	3	10%	4	14%	1	3%	8	28%
Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law	22	2	9%	1	5%	2	9%	5	23%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	77	6	8%	7	9%	3	4%	16	21%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 200+ Grams	5	0	0%	1	20%	0	0%	1	20%
CL C - Poss W/Int To Dist.	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL B -Poss W/Intent To Dist To Minor	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Specific CL B - Trafficking 100 - 200 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 14-28 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 28 - 100 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A - Trafficking 100 - 200 Grams	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Induce Minor In Sale Of Drug	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Possession of Class B	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	665	96	14%	103	15%	67	10%	266	40%
Not a Drug Offense	2155	467	22%	382	18%	203	9%	1052	49%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 43: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by 'Other' Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd Y	Year	To	Total	
'Other' Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Use Of Firearm For Felony	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%	
Perjury/Contempt Of Court Order	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	
Habitual Criminal	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	
Miscellaneous Other Offenses	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%	
Prostitution	46	22	48%	11	24%	7	15%	40	87%	
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	28	13	46%	2	7%	4	14%	19	68%	
Trespassing	5	2	40%	1	20%	0	0%	3	60%	
Escape	9	1	11%	3	33%	1	11%	5	56%	
Carry A Firearm W/Out License	27	6	22%	5	19%	4	15%	15	56%	
Delivering/Receiving Articles To Inmate	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	
Attempt To Commit Crime	8	2	25%	0	0%	2	25%	4	50%	
Violation of Court Order	13	4	31%	1	8%	1	8%	6	46%	
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	50	13	26%	4	8%	5	10%	22	44%	
Resisting Arrest	7	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	3	43%	
Leave Scene Of Vehicular Accident	10	4	40%	0	0%	0	0%	4	40%	
Other Weapons Offense	27	4	15%	3	11%	2	7%	9	33%	
OUI, Alcohol Or Drugs	170	21	12%	16	9%	7	4%	44	26%	
Bribery/Corruption	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
Operating Under Influence W/Injury	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
Subtotal	411	97	24%	47	11%	35	9%	179	44%	
Not An Other Offense	2409	466	19%	438	18%	235	10%	1139	47%	
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%	

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Table 44: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Age at Incarceration,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd Y	Year	Tot	al
Age at	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Incarceration									
15 to 19	211	45	21%	41	19%	20	9%	106	50%
20 to 24	482	83	17%	101	21%	55	11%	239	50%
25 to 29	589	118	20%	125	21%	62	11%	305	52%
30 to 34	625	156	25%	107	17%	71	11%	334	53%
35 to 39	455	92	20%	67	15%	39	9%	198	44%
40 to 44	235	42	18%	28	12%	13	6%	83	35%
45 to 49	132	17	13%	11	8%	7	5%	35	27%
50 to 54	55	6	11%	2	4%	2	4%	10	18%
55 to 59	23	2	9%	3	13%	1	4%	6	26%
60 to 64	10	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	2	20%
65 to 69	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 or Older	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 45: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Race/Ethnicity,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

Timee Tears Tost 1	terease								
		1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year		Tota	al				
Race/Ethnicity	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
African American	721	157	22%	141	20%	79	11%	377	52%
Hispanic	546	84	15%	98	18%	61	11%	243	45%
Caucasian	1541	321	21%	246	16%	129	8%	696	45%
American Indian	6	1	17%	0	0%	1	17%	2	33%
Asian	6	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 46: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Y	ear	Total		
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Female	2086	390	19%	375	18%	205	10%	970	47%	
Male	734	173	24%	110	15%	65	9%	348	47%	
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%	

Table 47: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Marital Status, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd	Year	3rd Y	<b>Tear</b>	Total	
Marital Status	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Single	2001	413	21%	388	19%	211	11%	1012	51%
Partner	6	2	33%	1	17%	0	0%	3	50%
Unknown	16	3	19%	4	25%	0	0%	7	44%
Married	366	68	19%	48	13%	25	7%	141	39%
Separated	129	23	18%	14	11%	11	9%	48	37%
Widow/Widower	30	6	20%	3	10%	2	7%	11	37%
Divorce	272	48	18%	27	10%	21	8%	96	35%
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%

Table 48: 1998 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction), by Last Known Address,

**Three Years Post-Release** 

		1st Y	<b>Zear</b>	2nd	2nd Year		ear	Total		
Last Known Address	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Fall River	45	12	27%	13	29%	3	7%	28	62%	
Brockton	127	23	18%	26	20%	25	20%	74	58%	
Lynn	92	26	28%	18	20%	8	9%	52	57%	
Cambridge	38	13	34%	3	8%	5	13%	21	55%	
Holyoke	49	7	14%	16	33%	4	8%	27	55%	
Fitchburg	52	15	29%	9	17%	4	8%	28	54%	
Unknown	37	9	24%	7	19%	3	8%	19	51%	
Framingham	47	14	30%	8	17%	2	4%	24	51%	
Worcester	185	40	22%	27	15%	27	15%	94	51%	
Boston	527	110	21%	105	20%	52	10%	267	51%	
Lawrence	97	16	16%	23	24%	9	9%	48	49%	
Springfield	163	34	21%	31	19%	13	8%	78	48%	
New Bedford	63	15	24%	7	11%	7	11%	29	46%	
Lowell	79	14	18%	13	16%	8	10%	35	44%	
Other Mass Cities/Towns	1065	198	19%	167	16%	90	8%	455	43%	
Somerville	30	7	23%	3	10%	2	7%	12	40%	
Out of State	124	10	8%	9	7%	8	6%	27	22%	
Total	2820	563	20%	485	17%	270	10%	1318	47%	

Section Three:
Recidivism Rates of
Re-incarcerated and
Re-convicted Inmates

**Methodology:** The following section presents the recidivism rate for inmates released during 1998 that either received a re-incarceration or a re-conviction within three years of release to the street from the Department of Correction. In this section the inmate's <u>first</u> instance of a <u>re-incarceration or re-conviction</u> within the three-year time frame was used. Information contained in this section of the report is a combination of the previous two sections on re-incarceration and re-conviction. Because the first instance of either a re-incarceration or a re-conviction was used in this section, the totals do not add up to the combined totals in the previous two sections. Also note, recidivists in section one include inmates re-incarcerated by receiving a new sentence to a state, county or federal facility, while in section two a recidivist could receive a new conviction of incarceration. Those recidivists are combined in section three under Re-incarceration/New Commitment.

Of the 2,820 inmates released during 1998 who were included in this report, 1,490 of the inmates (53%) recidivated by either receiving a new conviction or being re-incarcerated to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street.

Table 49: Type of Recidivist, Re-incarceration and Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release

		1st	Year	2nd	Year	3rd	Year	To	tal
	Type of Recidivist	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Re-incarceration	*Re-incarceration-New Commitment	234	29%	170	36%	63	29%	467	31%
	Parole Violator Technical	133	17%	24	5%	12	5%	169	11%
	Parole Violator new offense	117	15%	39	8%	10	5%	166	11%
	Probation Violator Technical	3	0%	5	1%	3	1%	11	1%
	Probation Violator New Offense	27	3%	15	3%	4	2%	46	3%
Re-conviction	Suspended Sentence	95	12%	95	20%	35	16%	225	15%
No Incarceration	Fine	93	12%	39	8%	20	9%	152	10%
	Probation	79	10%	61	13%	57	26%	197	13%
	Guilty/Guilty Filed	21	3%	21	4%	15	7%	57	4%
	Total	802	100%	469	100%	219	100%	1490	100%

- During the first year post release 802 inmates recidivated. Of the 802 inmates, 288 inmates (36%) received a new conviction not resulting in an incarceration (suspended sentence, fine, probation, or guilty/guilty filed.) Twenty-nine percent of the inmates (n=234) were reincarcerated with a new commitment to a state, county or federal facility. One hundred thirty-six inmates were re-incarcerated for a technical violation of parole or probation, and 144 inmates were returned to a facility for a parole or probation violation with a new offense.
- By the end of the three-year period 631 inmates (42%) had recidivated due to re-conviction not resulting in a new commitment. Thirty-one percent of the inmates were re-incarcerated with a new commitment, 212 inmates (14%) were returned to prison for parole or probation violation with a new offense, and 12% were re-incarcerated for a technical parole or probation violation.

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<sup>\*</sup> Re-incarceration-New Sentence includes State, County, and Federal custody, as well as those inmates that received a conviction of a new incarceration.

Table 50: Type of Recidivist, Re-incarceration and Re-conviction,
Three Years Post Release, by Gender

	Fen	nale	Ma	ale	Total	
Type of Recidivist	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Re-incarceration-New Commitment	109	29%	358	32%	467	31%
Parole Violator Technical	33	9%	136	12%	169	11%
Parole Violator new offense	11	3%	155	14%	166	11%
Probation Violator Technical	5	1%	6	1%	11	1%
Probation Violator New Offense	27	7%	19	2%	46	3%
Suspended Sentence	74	20%	151	14%	225	15%
Fine	30	8%	122	11%	152	10%
Probation	69	18%	128	11%	197	13%
Guilty/Guilty Filed	18	5%	39	4%	57	4%
Total	376	100%	1114	100%	1490	100%

- Of the 1,114 male inmates that recidivated during the three-year period following their release to the street, 674 inmates (61%) were re-incarcerated for one of the following reasons; re-incarceration for a new commitment, a parole or probation violation with a new offense, or a technical violation of parole or probation.
- The remaining 440 male inmates (39%) recidivated due to a re-conviction that did not result in re-incarceration.
- Of the 376 female inmates that recidivated, the majority did not receive a new commitment to a facility. One hundred ninety-one of the female inmates (51%) recidivated by receiving a new conviction that did not result in a re-incarceration.
- 49% of the female inmates (n=185) were re-incarcerated during the three-year follow-up period.

## Disposition of New Arrest

For the inmates who returned due to a violation of parole or probation with a new arrest, the disposition of the arrest is provided to show the outcome of the case. The following table displays the outcome of the arrest dispositions.

Table 51: Disposition of New Offense, Three Years Post-Release, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction

#### Parole Violation w/New Offense **Probation Violation w/New Offense Disposition Disposition** Ν Ν Rate Rate County Sentence County Sentence 30 62 37% 65% Dismissed 48 29% Filed/Guilty Filed 7 15% Filed/Guilty Filed 16 10% Dismissed 5 11% State/Fed Sentence 3 State/Fed Sentence 15 9% 7% Fine./Probation./SS 15 9% Continued 1 2% Not Guilty 7 4% Total 100% 46 Continued 3 2% Total 166 100%

- 166 inmates recidivated by receiving a parole violation with a new arrest.
- 46% of the inmates (n=77) received a new commitment to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility.
- Of the 46 inmates released during 1998 that recidivated for a probation violation with a new arrest, the majority of the inmates (72%), were re-committed to a facility (Massachusetts state or county custody, or federal facility). The remaining 13 inmates (28%) received convictions not resulting in re-incarceration.
- Of the 1,490 inmates that recidivated for either a re-incarceration or a re-conviction, 1,310 of them committed a new offense.

The table below shows the type of new offense by type of recidivist. Recidivists that were returned for a technical parole or probation violation (n=180) do not have a new offense and are not included in the table below.

## New Offense Type

Table 52: Type of Conviction by Type of New Offense, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction,
Three Years Post Release

Type of Recidivist	New Offense									
	Person	Sex	Property	Drug	Other	Total				
Incarceration	130	8	124	91	114	467				
Suspended Sentence	50	2	55	48	70	225				
Probation	42	0	40	47	68	197				
Parole Violator New Offense	54	4	30	28	50	166				
Fine	3	0	33	13	103	152				
Guilty/Guilty filed	0	0	16	6	35	57				
Probation violator new offense	3	0	16	9	18	46				
Total	282	14	314	242	458	1310				

- For inmates incarcerated for a new offense, the person offense category had the highest number of recidivists with 130 inmates (28%) having a new offense in this category.
- Of the inmates who received a new conviction of a suspended sentence, the majority (31%) were convicted of an offense in the 'Other" category.
- Inmates who were convicted and received a sentence of probation had the largest number of inmates committing a new offense in the 'Other' category.
- 68% of the inmates who received a fine had a new offense in the 'Other' category, while only 2% of the inmates had committed a person offense.
- Of the 166 inmates who were returned to prison for a parole violation with a new offense, 54 of the inmates (33%) were returned for a person offense.
- 61% of the inmates who received a guilty/guilty filed finding were convicted of an 'Other' offense.

# Type Of Release

Table 53: Type of Release, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release

	Recidivist by Re-incarceration or Re-conviction,										
Type of Release	Three Years Post Release										
		1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year Total									
	N	Rec Rate	Rec Ra	te Rec Rate	Rec Rate						
Parole to Street	993	327 33%	149 15	% 64 6%	540 54%						
GCD/Expiration of Sentence	1827	475 26%	320 18	% 155 8%	950 52%						
Total	2820	802 28%	469 179	<b>6</b> 219 8%	1490 53%						

- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, inmates released via <u>parole</u> had a recidivism rate of 54%, compared to a rate of 52% for inmates released via GCD/ Expiration of Sentence to the street.
- During the first year post-release the recidivism rate was higher for inmates <u>paroled</u> to the street (33%) than it was for inmates GCD/Expiration of Sentence (26%).
- In comparison, during the second and third year post-release, inmates released via expiration of sentence had a slightly higher recidivism rate than inmates released via parole.



AGE AT INCARCERATION Age at incard

Age at incarceration for current sentence. Jail credits are included in the calculation of age at

incarceration.

**DOC** Department of Correction

**EXPIRATION DATE** Inmate is discharged from his sentence without

the deduction of earned good time.

GCD DATE An inmate is discharged from his sentence at the

expiration of his term, less any statutory or earned good time. Statutory good time was eliminated for all offenses committed after June 30, 1994, due to the enactment of the "Truth in

Sentencing" law.

**HOC** House of Correction

**LENGTH OF INCARCERATION** In the past, was referred to as

time served'. 'Time served' was calculated using the offender's commitment date and release date, whereas length of incarceration is calculated utilizing the incarceration and release dates gathered through the recidivism data

collection process.

**OFFENSES** 

Armed Assault Includes assault with intent to rob - being armed,

armed assaults in dwelling houses, and armed

assault to steal a motor vehicle.

Assault - Intent to Murder Includes assault with intent to murder, attempted

murder, and accessory to murder.

Assault, Other Includes assault, assault and battery, assault on

an officer, and assault not before mentioned.

Assault w/Intent to Rape of Minor Includes assault on person under sixteen with

intent to commit rape, and indecent assault and

battery on child under 14.

Class A Includes possession, sale, manufacturing,

distribution, dispensing of a Class A controlled substance (Heroin, Morphine) or intent to do any

of the above.

1998 DOC Recidivism Class B Same as above, but for Class B controlled substance (Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Cocaine). Class C Same as above, but for Class C controlled substance (LSD, Hash). Class D Same as above, but for Class D controlled substance (Marijuana). Class E Same as above, but for Class E controlled substance (Prescription Drugs). Contempt of Court Includes contempt of court, violation of a court order, and violation of a restraining order. Crimes Against Chastity/Morality Includes unnatural and lascivious acts, incest, fornication, lewd lascivious cohabitation, open and gross lewdness, child pornography, indecent exposure, and other pornography or obscenities. CSA Controlled Substance Act Other Includes nonsupport, unlawful possession of alcohol, trespassing, false alarm of fire, attempt to commit crime, habitual criminal, resisting arrest, bribery, drunkenness, gaming, and other. Other Drug Includes possession of narcotic drugs, stealing narcotics, inducing another to violate the narcotic drug law, sale of narcotics, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of narcotics (All inactive historical codes). Other Person Includes confining or putting a person in fear for the purpose of stealing, mayhem, extortion, conspiracy, and violation of civil rights. Other Property Includes common and notorious thief, fraud, and malicious or wanton injuries to property. OUI Operating Under the Influence. Prostitution Includes common nightwalker, deriving support from a prostitute, and prostitution.

of child.

Includes rape of person under sixteen, and rape

Rape of Minor

Receiving Stolen Goods Includes common receiver of stolen goods.

Unarmed Assault Includes assaults with intent to rob - not being

armed.

Vehicle Offenses Includes motor vehicle offenses, and leaving the

scene.

Vehicle Theft Includes theft of a motor vehicle, and use without

authority.

Weapons Offenses Includes weapons offenses, and weapons

violations.

**PAROLE** Released under the supervision of parole.

**PV or P.V.** Parole Violation

SECURITY LEVELS

Maximum Security MCI-Cedar Junction (Walpole)

Medium Security Bay State Correctional

Center (7/10/91 and After)
Bridgewater State Hospital
Massachusetts Boot Camp
Massachusetts Treatment Center

MCI-Concord MCI-Framingham MCI-Norfolk

MCI-Shirley (Medium)

North Central Correctional Institution

(NCCI)-Gardner

Old Colony Correctional Center (OCCC) Southeastern Correctional Center (SECC)

Minimum Security Longwood Treatment Center

Massachusetts Boot Camp

Northeastern Correctional Center (NCC)

MCI-Plymouth

Southeastern Correctional Center-Minimum

MCI-Shirley-Minimum

Pondville Correctional Center (PCC)

Minimum/Pre-Release Hodder House

MCI-Lancaster

South Middlesex Correctional Center

State Pre-Release Boston State

Park Drive

Contract Pre-Release

Charlotte House Houston House PPREP (Pre-Parole Residential Environment Program)